Power Platform World Tour

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Power BI – Advanced Data Modelling

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Session Objectives & Agenda

By the end of this course, you will be able to use DAX to create calculations in a *Power BI Desktop* data model. Specifically you will be able to:

- Understand basic concepts of Data Modeling
- Understand the consequences of data model design decisions
- Understand concepts of calculated columns and measures
- Gain familiarity with standard DAX patterns & CALCULATE
- Understand evaluation contexts and their impact on calculations
- Gain ability to parse data modeling formulas

Who we are?

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3000+
Man years of Data & Analytics experience

1000+
Azure cloud native systems designed and/or built

4,000+
Global Data Engineering, Data Scientists and AI Consultants

100+
Managed Services clients on Azure Native Solutions

80
Locations across 24 countries

46%
of Global 500 companies as clients

Who are you?

- What company do you work for?
- What experience you have with Power BI?
- What are you source systems?
    - Enterprise Data Warehouse
    - Direct Access to Line of Business Systems (e.g. ERP)
- Do you use Analysis Services?
- What other Azure services are you using?

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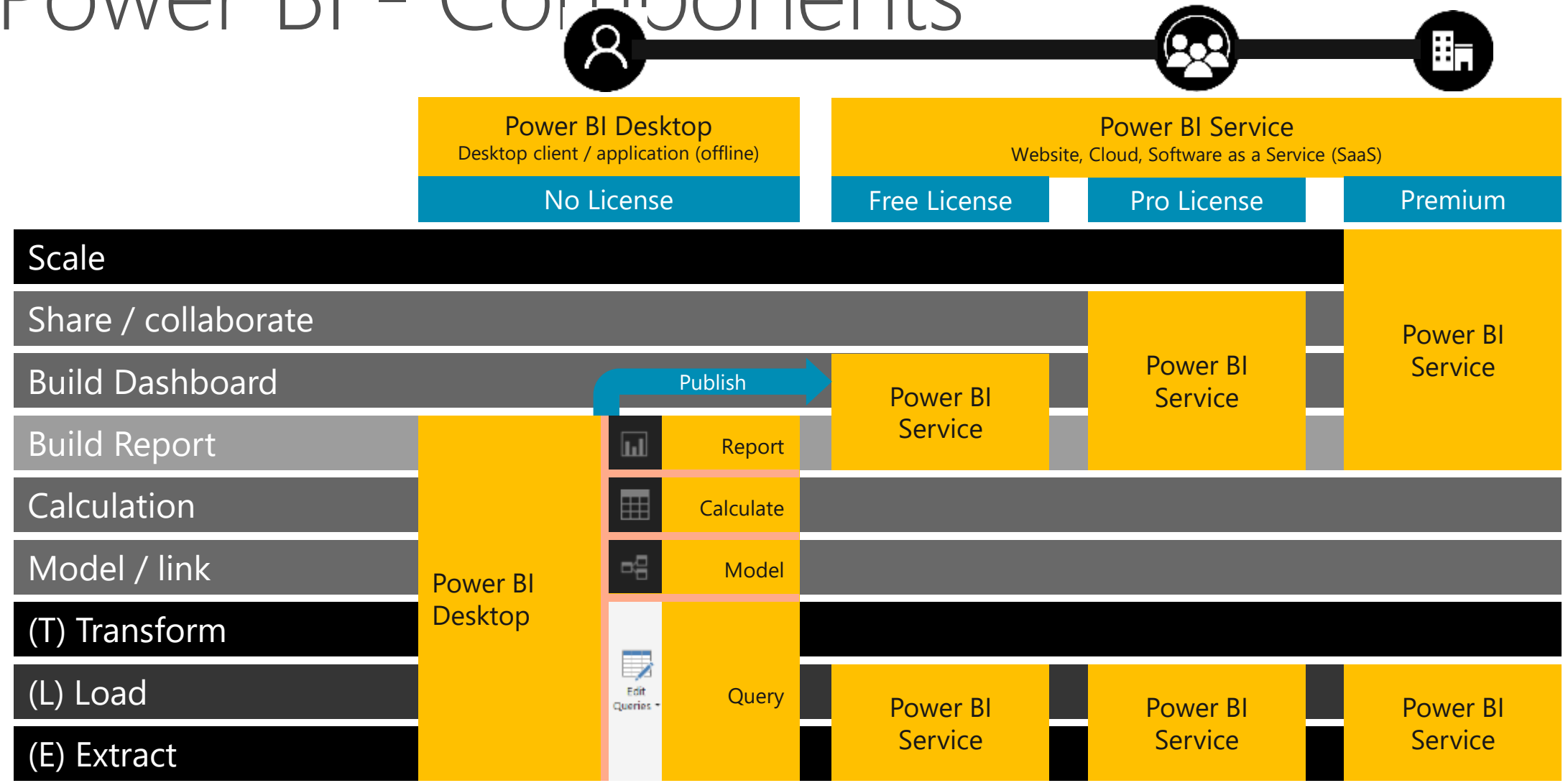
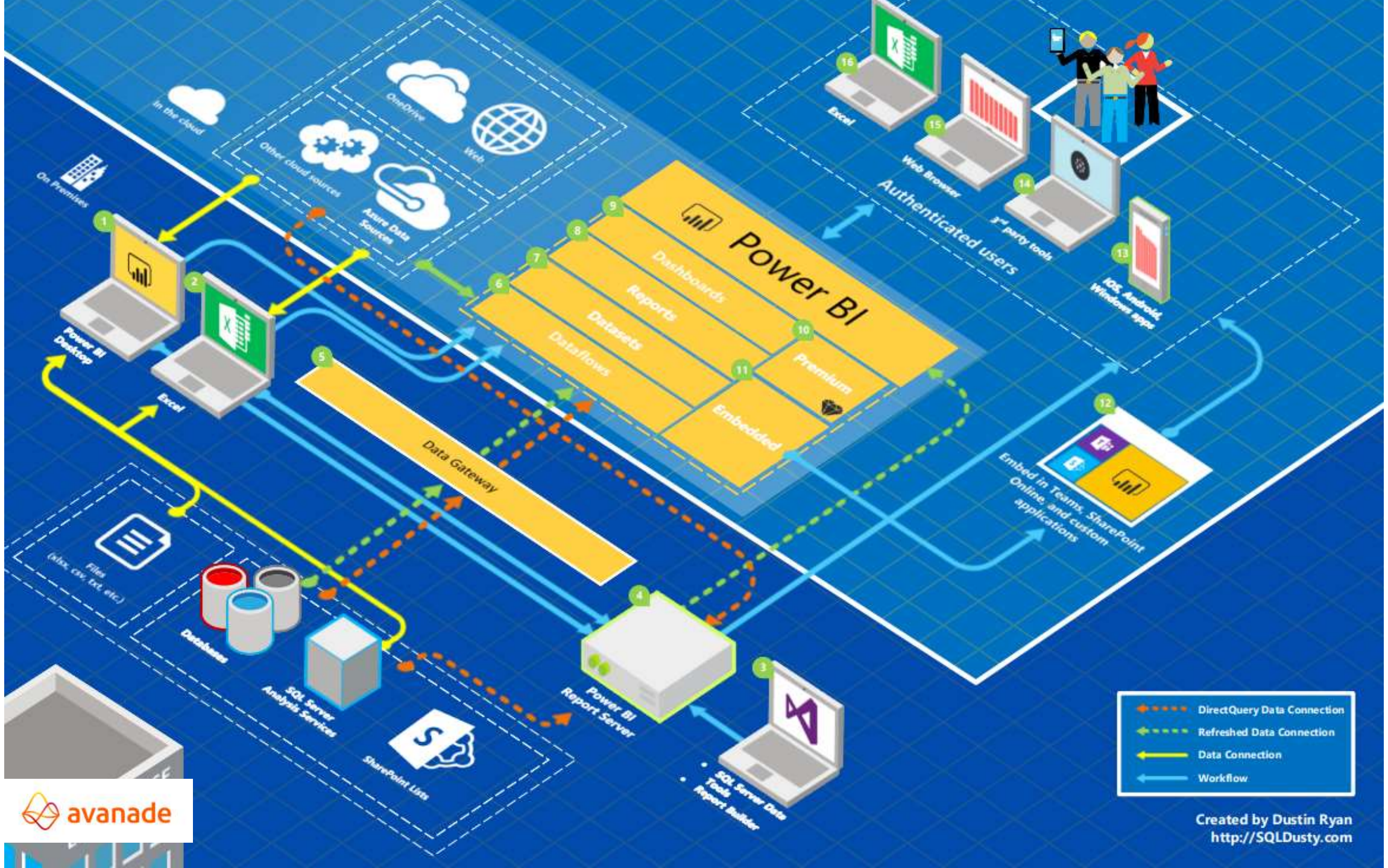
Power BI - Components




In the cloud
OneDrive
Other cloud sources
Web
Azure Data Sources
On Premises
Power BI Desktop
Excel
Files (Xlsx, csv, txt, etc.)
Databases
SQL Server Analysis Services
SharePoint Lists
Data Gateway
Power BI
Dashboards
Reports
Datasets
Dataflows
Premium
Embedded
Power BI Report Server
SQL Server Data Tools
Report Builder
Excel
Web Browser
3rd party tools
iOS, Android, Windows apps
Authenticated users
Embed in Teams, SharePoint Online, and custom applications
DirectQuery Data Connection
Refreshed Data Connection
Data Connection
Workflow
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Housekeeping

- Keep an eye on the / breaks as scheduled
- Please confirm your attendance/sign the participant list
- Feel free to ask questions at any time (short QA at the end of each module)
- Enjoy learning
- Presentation and other materials can be dow

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Module
Data Modeling Basics & *Power BI Desktop* Internals

MODULE OBJECTIVES

Power BI

- Understand what is meant by *data model* in the context of Power BI
- Understand the consequences of data model design decisions
- Understand Power BI's data storage architecture and use this knowledge to optimize performance
- Understand consequences of Power BI's data type handling

Power BI Desktop Data Flow

Power BI

Data Sources

Power BI Desktop file (.PBIX)

Query Editor (M)

Data Source Connections

Data Transformations

(Prep data for Data Model)

Close & Apply

Close: Closes Query Editor

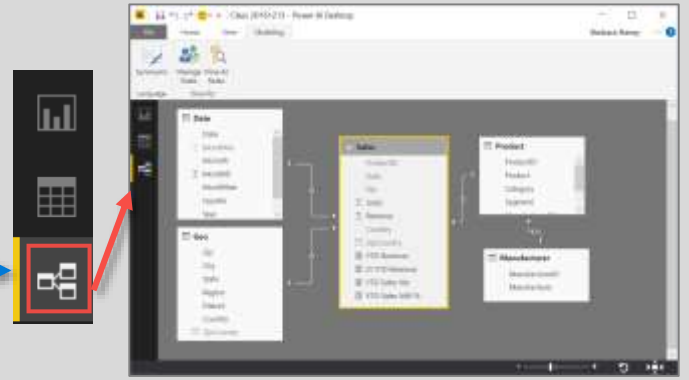
Apply: Loads data from sources to Data Model

Report

Create Visuals

Data (DAX)

View Tables



Relationships

See how Tables relate to each other

What is a Data model?

Power BI

A Power BI **Data Model** is a **collection of tables with relationships** which enable your business users to easily understand and explore their data to get business insights.

Why is it important to have a Good Data model?

- Improves understandability of the data
- Increases performance of dependent processes and systems
- Increases resilience to change

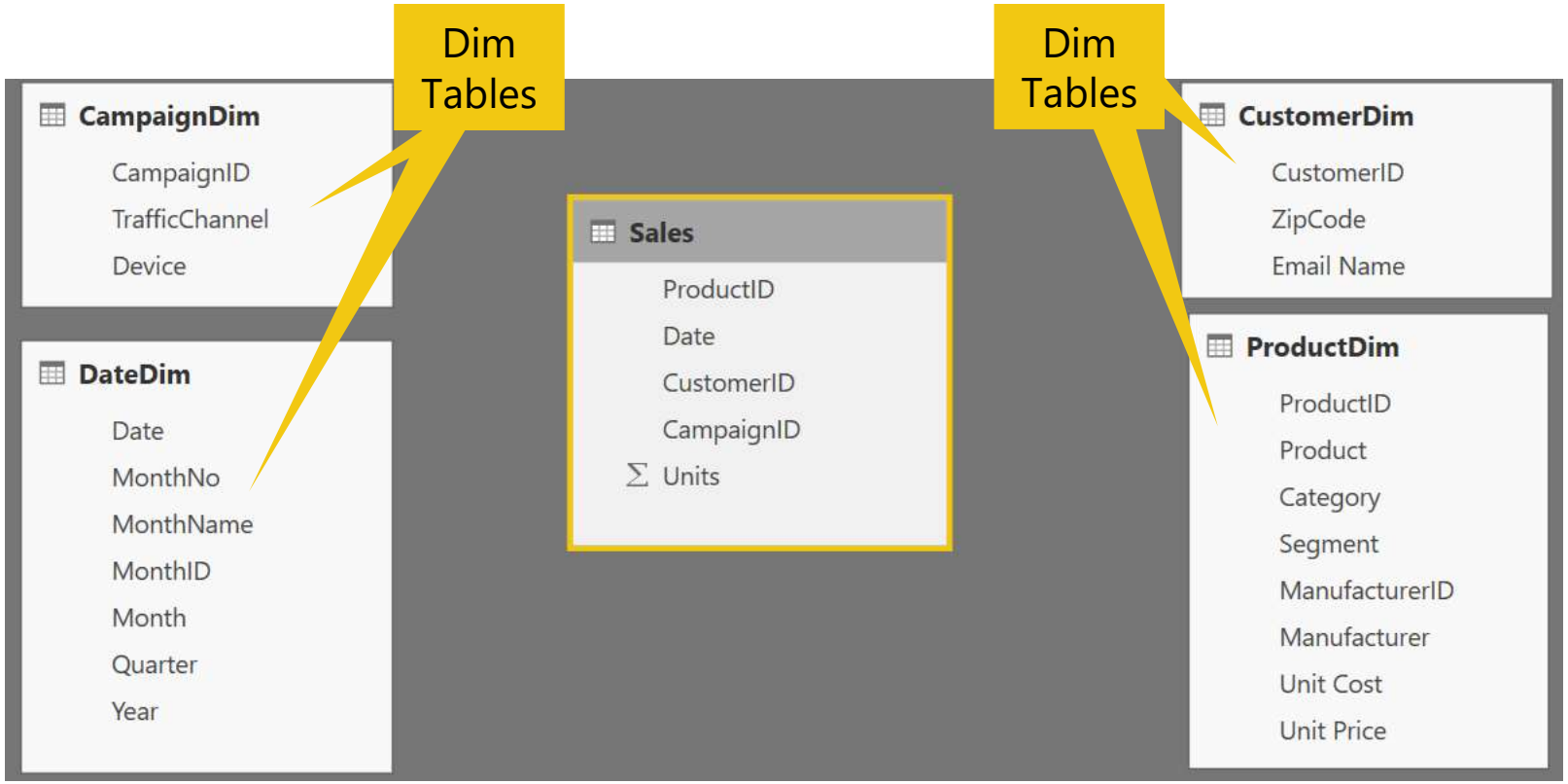
Components of a data model – Fact Table

Fact Table

- Contains Measures
  (or items to be aggregated)
  of a business process
  Examples:
  - Transactions
  - Sales Revenue
  - Units
  - Cost

- Measures are usually sliceable.
  Examples: By Month,
  By Customer

Components of a data model – Dim Table



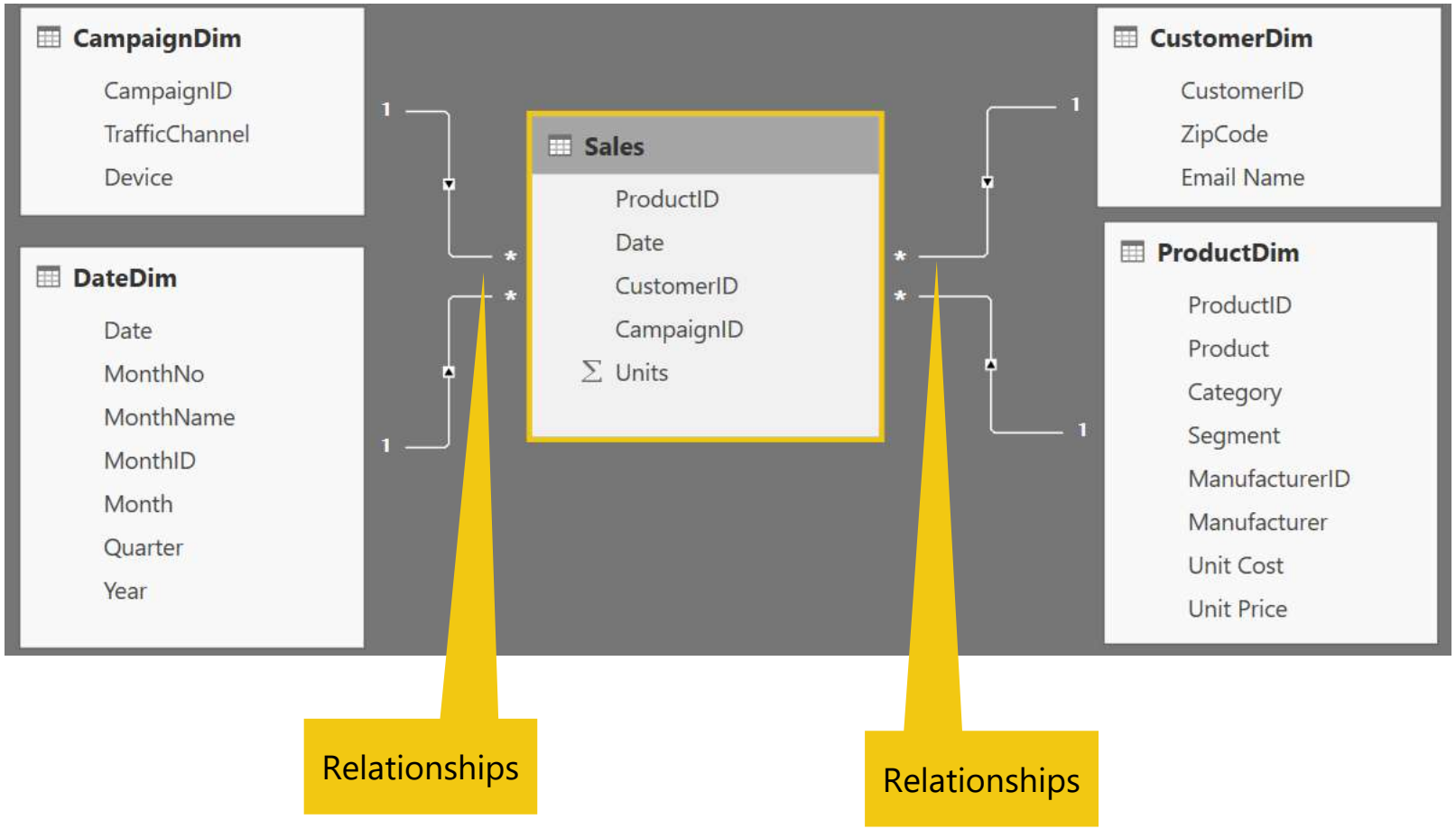
Dim Table

A Dim (or Dimension) table contains descriptive attributes that define how a fact should roll up.

Examples:

By month, By Customer, By Geo

Components of a data model - Relationships



Relationships

- Connection between a 2 tables (usually fact & Dim tables) using columns from each

- 3 kinds of Relationships
  - 1 to Many
  - 1 to 1
  - Many to Many

  (with a bridge table)

Data Model Brings Facts and Dimensions Together

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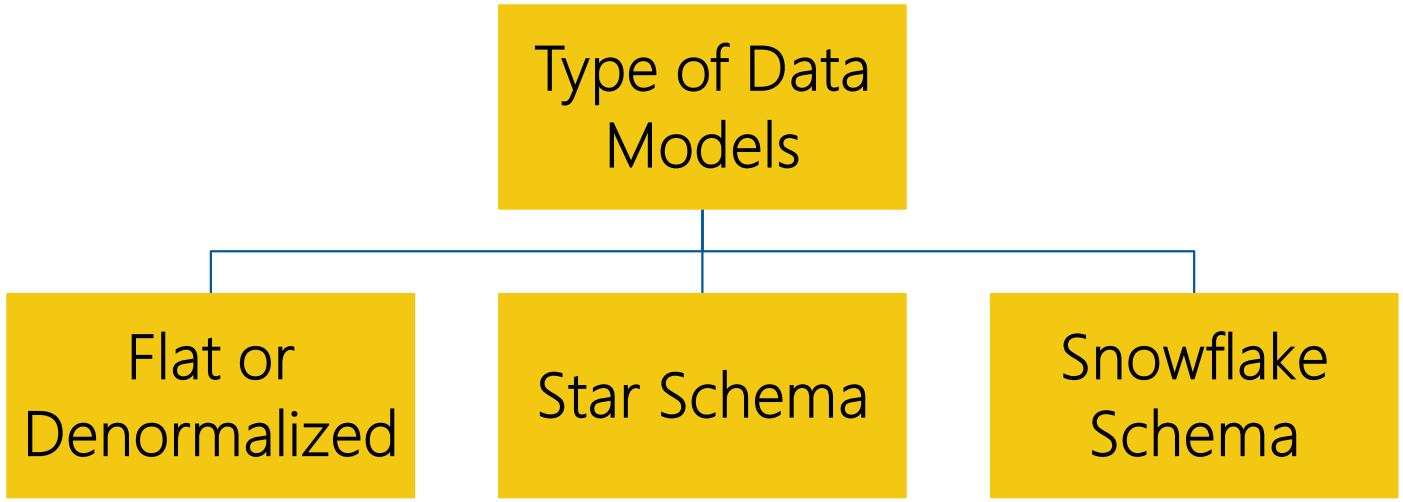
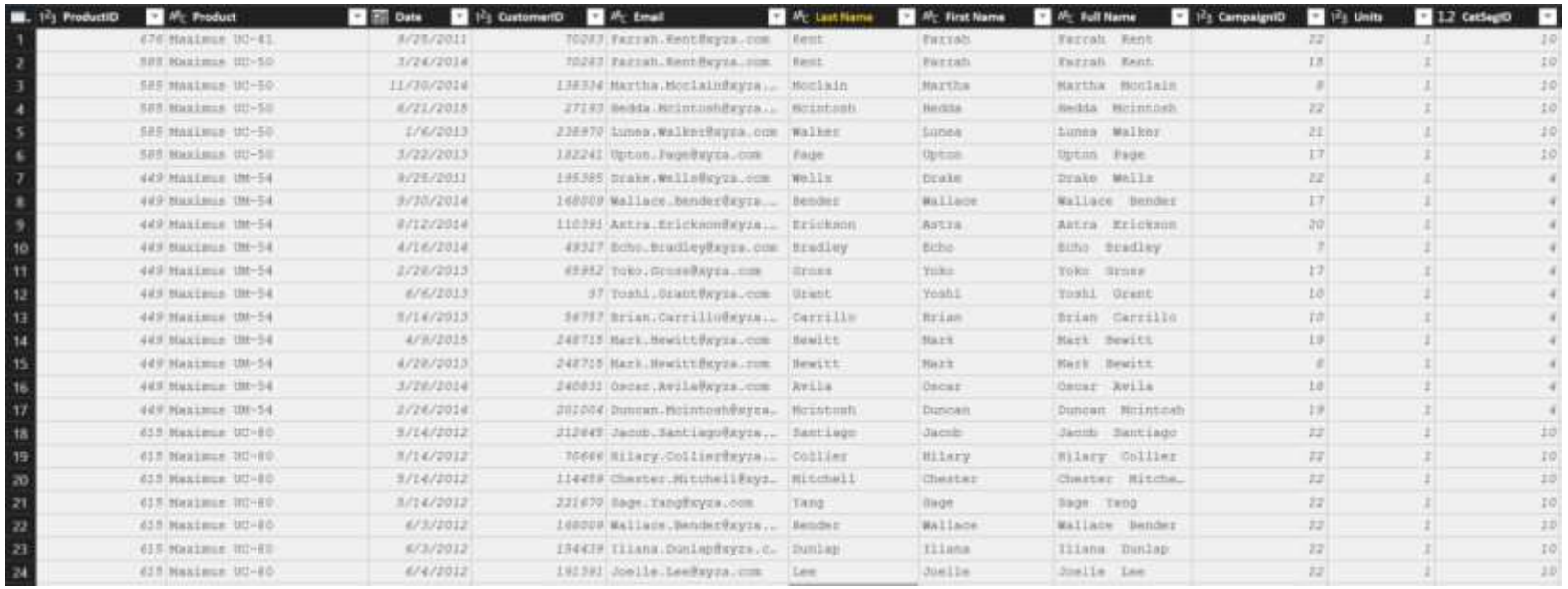


Note: This is not an exhaustive list, but are the most common model types used by Power BI.

Flat or Denormalized Schema

Power BI



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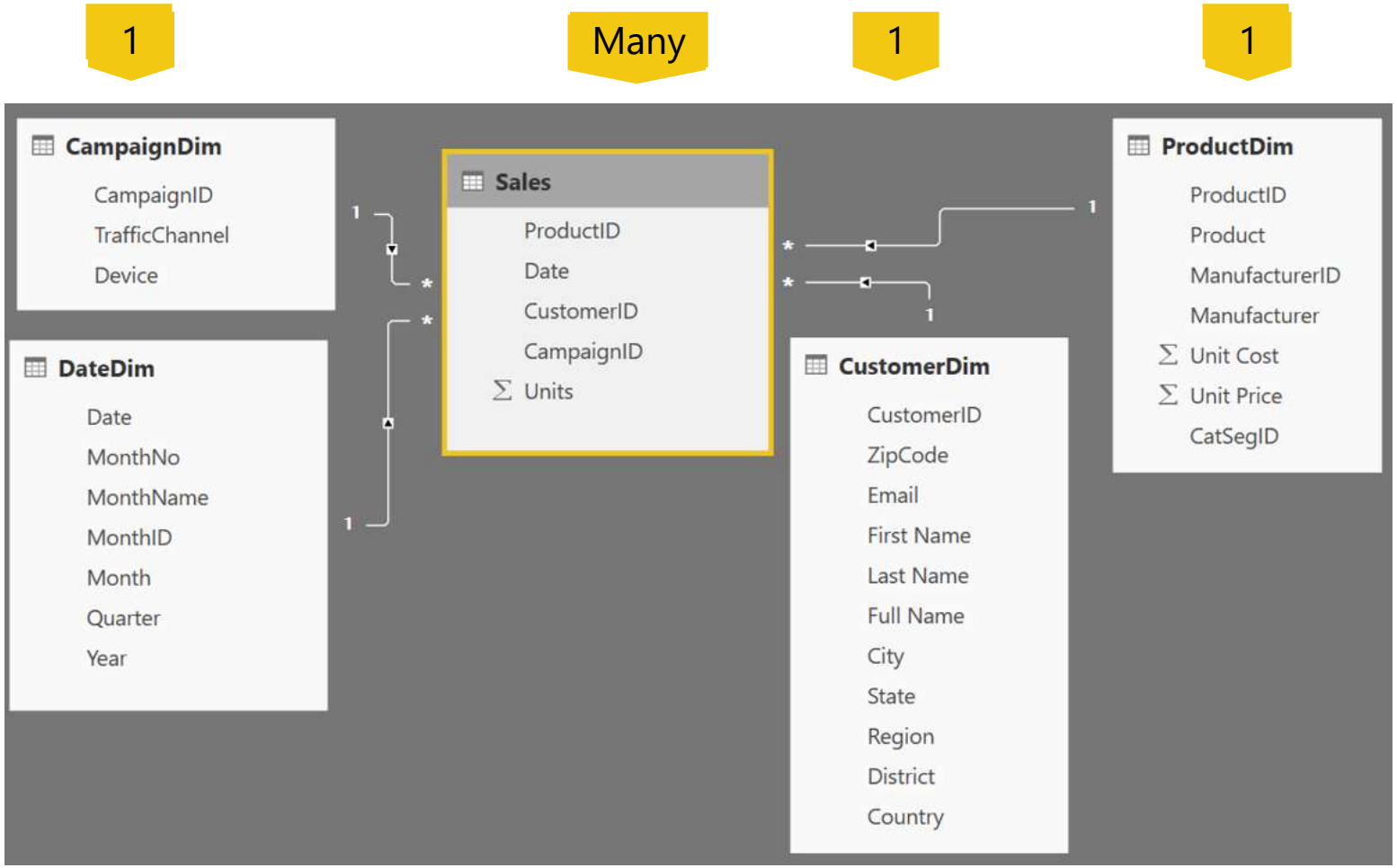
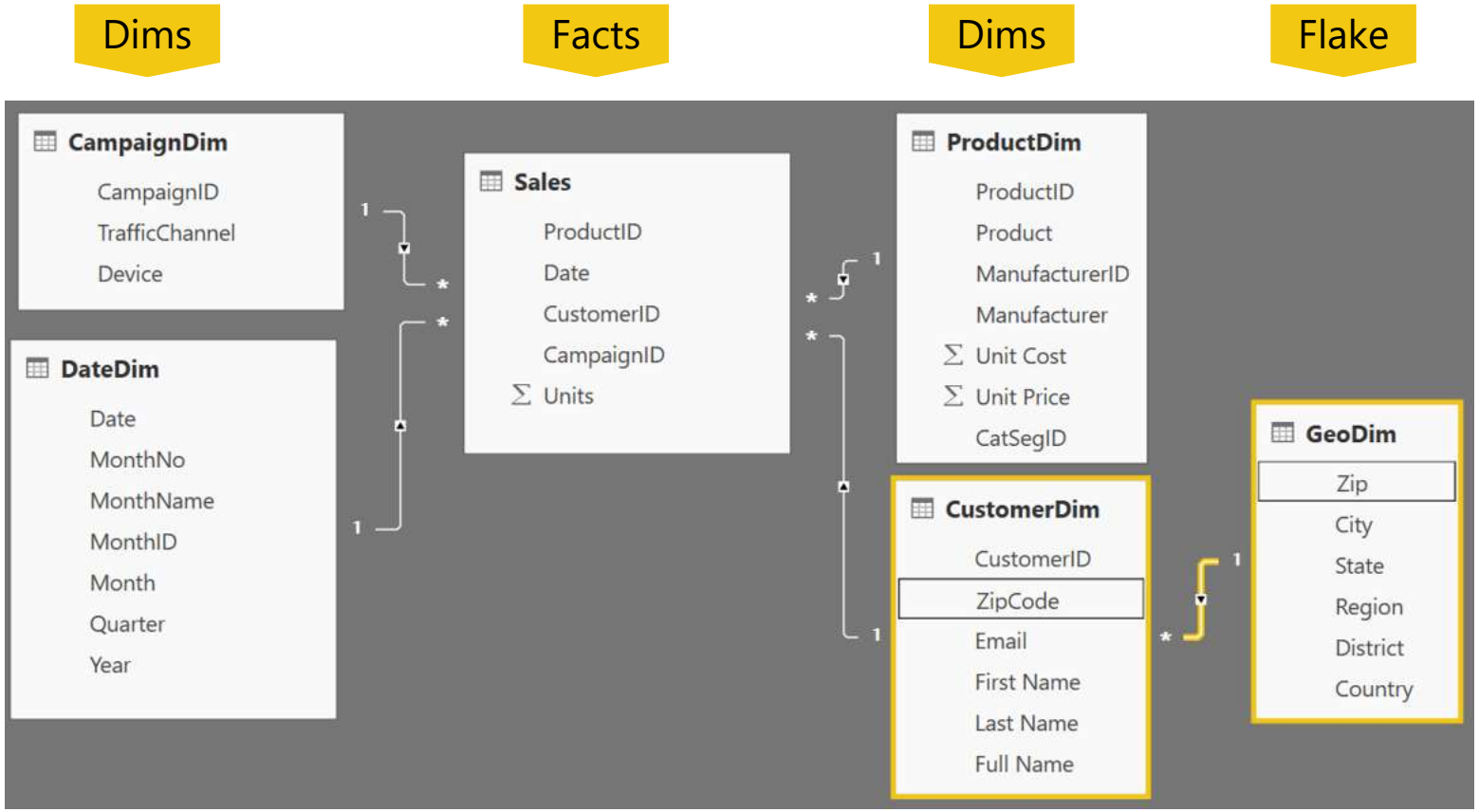
- All attributes for model exist in a **single** table
- **Highly inefficient**
- Model has extra copies of data > slow performance
- Size of a flat table can blow up really quickly as data model becomes complex

Star Schema



- **Fact** table in the middle
- Surrounded by **Dims**
- Looks like a 'Star'
- Fact table is the "Many" side of the (one to many) relationship

Snowflake Schema



- Center is a Star schema
- **Fact** table in middle
- Surrounded by **Dims**
- Dims "snowflake" off of other Dims
- If you have many, it looks like a 'Snowflake'
- Dim or Fact tables can be the "Many" side of the relationship

Granularity & Multiple Fact Tables

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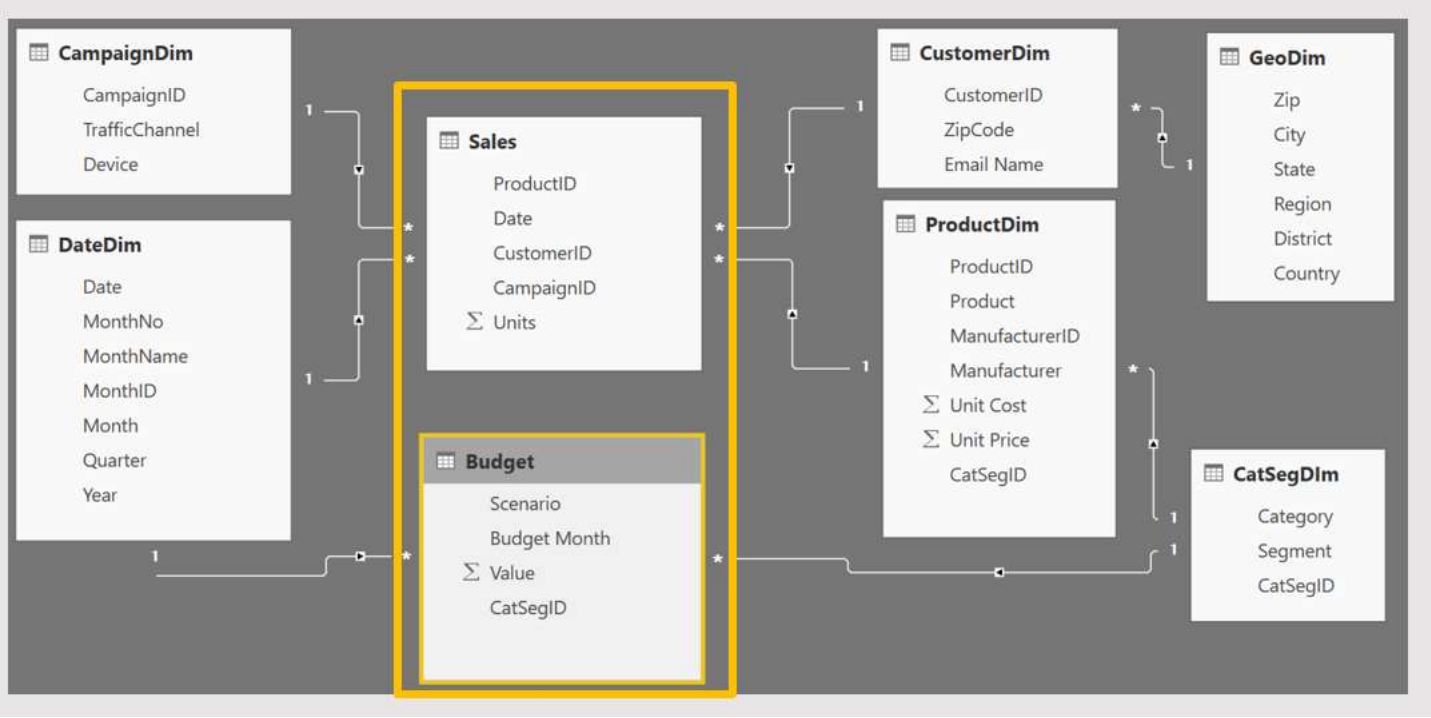


Sales (Daily by Product)

Budget (Monthly by Product Category & Product Segment)

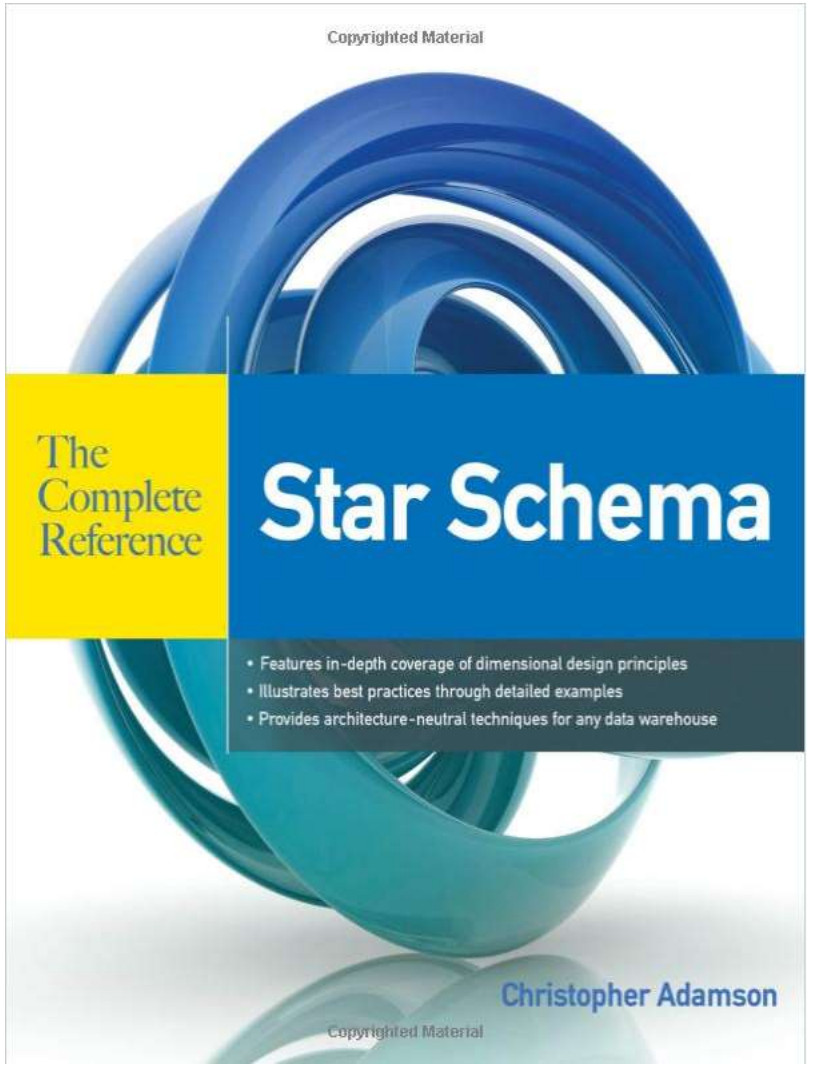
- Grain (**granularity)** measures the level of detail in a table

  Example:
  One row per **order or per Item**
  Daily or Monthly date grain

- If your facts have **very different granularities**, split them into **Multiple Fact** tables & connect them to shared dimensions at the lowest common granularity.

Star Schema Book

- Easy to understand
- Lots of inspiration for data models
- 486 pages
- https://www.amazon.de/dp/0071744320



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Connection Types in Power BI

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How can I tell what Connection Type I have?

- Live Connect to SQL Analysis Services (SSAS) tabular
  - Report view only available

- DirectQuery to SQL or other relational source
  - Report & Relationship views available

- Import data into Power BI (creates a copy of the data)
  - Report, Data and Relationship views available

Connection: Live Connect

Power BI

- Live Connect to Multidimensional or Tabular
  - On Premise or Azure
- Only a single connection will be made and all modeling is done in the cube
- You can not add relationships or additional data source
- If allowed, you can add DAX measures

Connection: DirectQuery to Relational Source

Power BI

- Direct Query to SQL or other relational source
  - On Premise or Azure
- All Data Sources are required to be DirectQuery, you cannot “Mashup” with Import sources or you get this message
- You can add relationships and DAX

Connection: Import Mode

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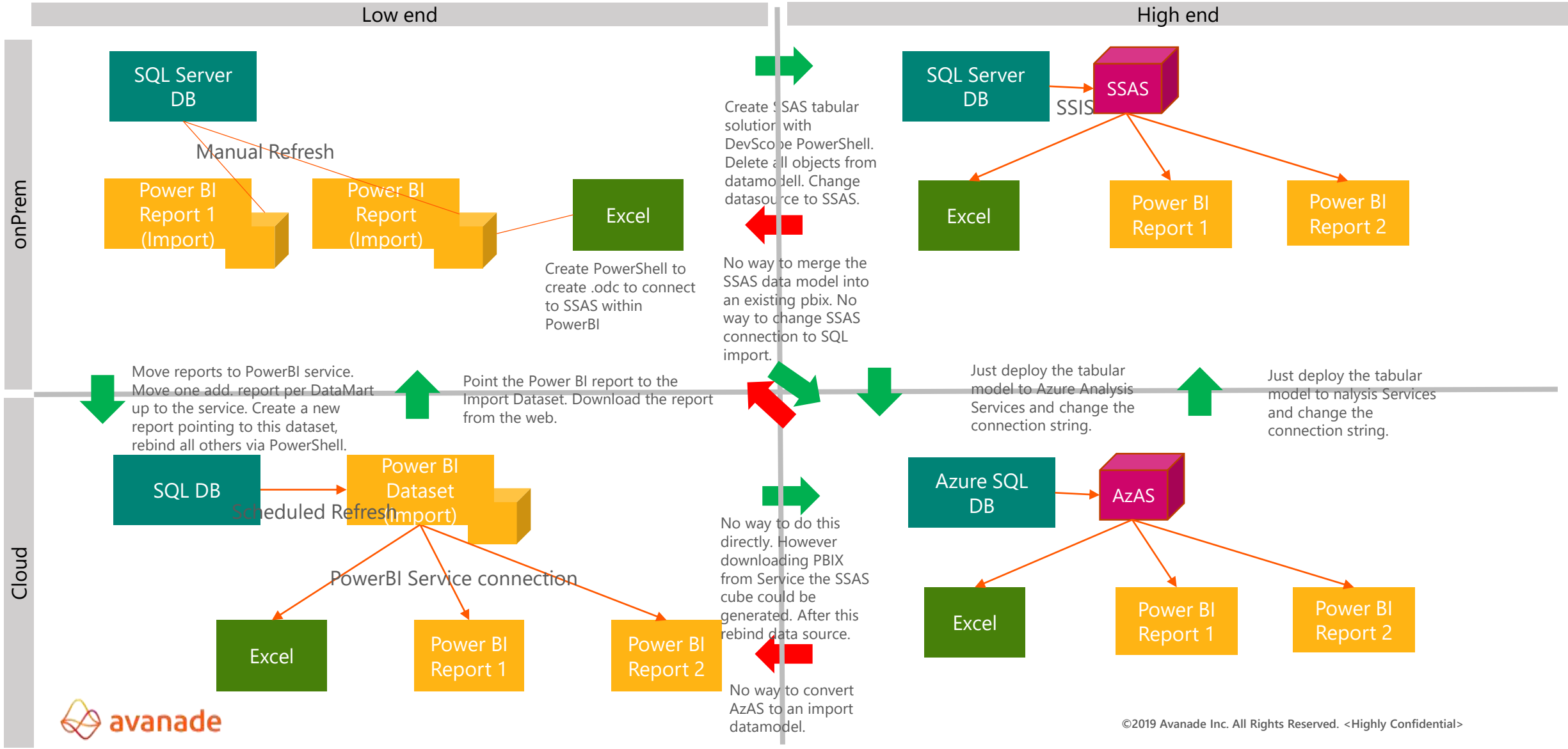
What is unique about Power BI Desktop in Import Mode?

- Columnar database
- In-memory database

Let us understand some of the internals of Power BI Desktop !!

Import Mode cannot be changed easily



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Columnar Database

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Row Based Database

First Name	Last Name	Sales
John	Smith	$10
Jane	Doe	$25
Hardy	B	$35

- Stores **each row separately** (like a separate file)
- Retrieving multiple columns from a single row is fast
- Retrieving multiple rows from a single column is slower

PBI - Columnar Database

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- **Columnar databases are well suited for analytics**

In-Memory Database

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PBI – In-Memory Database

- Data stored in **RAM (in memory)**
- RAM is all electronic – **Read/Write is fast**
- Laptops have smaller **RAM space (~8GB)**

Power BI compresses data to conserve space in RAM

Compressing Data – Dictionary Encoding

Power BI

How Power BI Compresses Data – Dictionary Encoding

Sale Id	Color	Sales Amount
390a30e0-dc37	Red	$10
390a30e1-dc37	Green	$25
390a30e2-dc37	Red	$35
390a30e3-dc37	Red	$15
390a30e4-dc37	Red	$25
390a30e5-dc37	Green	$30
390a30e6-dc37	Blue	$10
390a30e7-dc37	Blue	$12
390a30e8-dc37	Blue	$15
390a57f0-dc37	Blue	$18
390a57f1-dc37	Green	$25

Red = 1 **Green = 2** **Blue = 3**

- Create a Dictionary to create an integer value for text string
- Storing 1,2,3 instead of "Red", "Green", "Blue" saves memory
- **Dictionary encoding is powerful when there are few unique values** in a column
  - Ex. Color column – Good for dictionary encoding
  - Ex. Sale ID – Bad for dictionary encoding

Compressing Data – Run Length Encoding

Power BI

How Power BI Compresses Data – Run Length Encoding

Sale Id	Color	Sales Amount	
390a30e0-dc37	Red	$10	1
390a30e1-dc37	Green	$25	2
390a30e2-dc37	Red	$35	1
390a30e3-dc37	Red	$15	1
390a30e4-dc37	Red	$25	1
390a30e5-dc37	Green	$30	2
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390a30e8-dc37	Blue	$15	3
390a57f0-dc37	Blue	$18	3
390a57f1-dc37	Green	$25	2

Run Length Encoding in Power BI

Where **Red** = **1** **Green** = **2** **Blue** = **3**

- Instead of storing - 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2
- It Stores:

1 – 1	(1 instance of One)
1 – 2	(1 instance of Two)
3 – 1	(3 instances of One)
1 – 2	(1 instance of Two)
4 – 3	(4 instances of Three)
1 - 2	(1 instance of Two)

- **Run length encoding** is **very powerful when data is sorted** well and has few unique values

Compression

Power BI

Practical Example of Compression

Dashboard in a Day Class Data

Sales Fact	420.0 MB
Dimensions	4.4 MB
Int'l Sales	32.4 MB
Total Data	**456.8 MB**

Queries ONLY – No Data Loaded

Query Metadata	**113 KB**

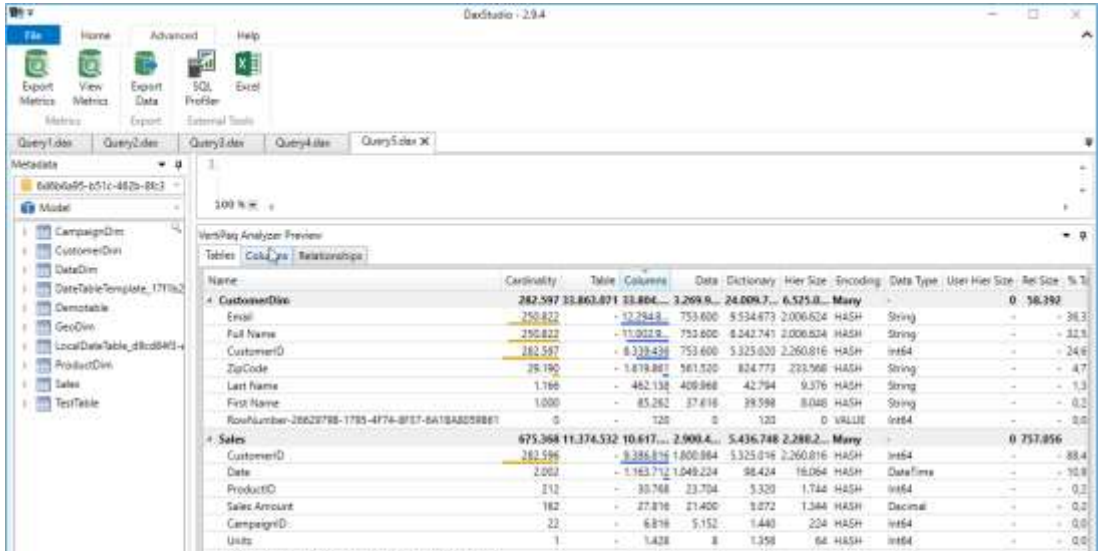
DIAD Complete Data Model

Data Model	**59.4 MB**

Almost 8X Compression!!

Data Model can be analyzed with DAX Studio

- Currently in Preview in DAX Studio
  - https://github.com/DaxStudio/DaxStudio
- Available for years in Vertipaq Analyzer
  - https://www.sqlbi.com/tools/vertipaq-analyzer/



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DateDim	2.191	190.992	187.480	8.280	159.920	19.280	Many		3.512		0,39 %	1	1	8
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Demotable	49	18.318	18.318	40	17.846	432	Many				0,04 %	1	1	2
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ProductDim	212	140.494	140.494	2.320	133.118	5.056	Many				0,29 %	1	1	12
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History of Power BI

- 2009 Gemini → Power Pivot (Excel – InMemory data model)
- 2012 Power View (Excel SharePoint – Visualizations)
- 2012 Analysis Services tabular (SQL Server – inMemory engine to complement multidimensional)
- 2013 Data Explorer → Power Query (Excel – Data Connectivity)
- 2015 Power BI (all in one solution including hosted service)

Power BI Desktop Files

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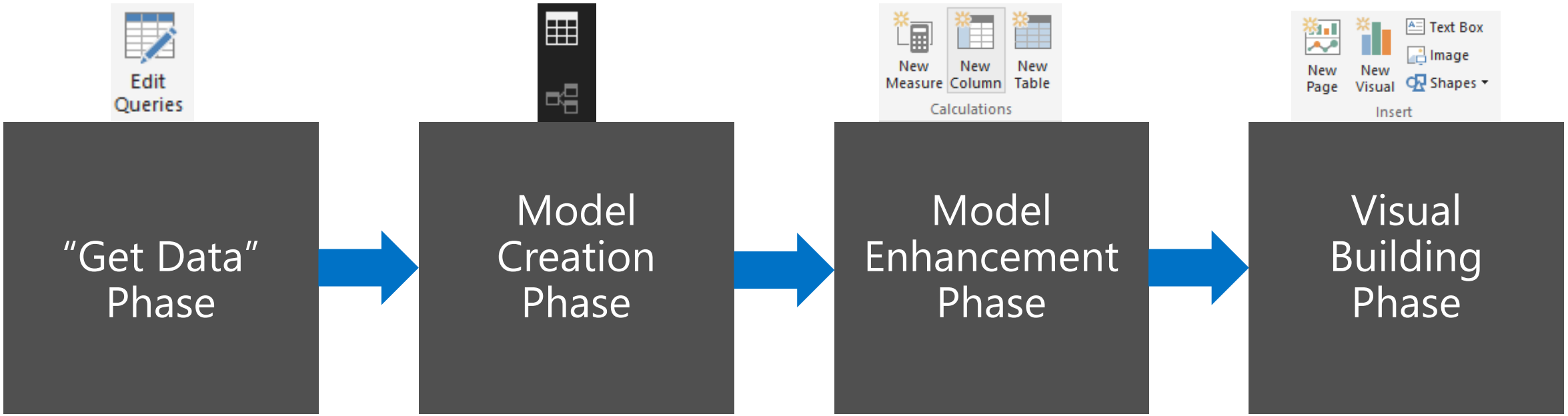
Phases in Building a Power BI Desktop File



Create Query in "M"

Compress data, auto detect relationships

(Automatically done by Tool)

Add calculated columns, measures, add missing relationships

Evaluate Measures and build each visual

Designing good data models

Power BI

Key takeaways to design a good Power BI Desktop data model

- **RAM is precious !!!!!**

Some Tips and tricks to save RAM and increase speed of model

- If a fact table contains an ID field which is unique for each record, **remove it**
  - Ex. Transaction ID

- **Sort columns** before bringing them into a Power BI data model

- The DateTime data type is usually not needed, unless you are specifically using the Time component
  - ➢ If you really need Time, **try splitting Date & Time** into two columns - Reduces # of unique values

Star Schema – Good for most Data Models

Data Types

Power BI

Numeric Data Types

- Whole Number
- Decimal Number
- Fixed Decimal Number (Floating point stored as integer)
- Boolean

Date/Time Data Types

- Date – Internally stored as an integer
- Time – Internally stored as a fraction between 0 and 1
- Date Time

Other Data Types

- Text

Set your
Data Types
in the
Query Editor

Set your
Data Formats
($ %, etc)
in the Data Model

Pro Tip: Data type is different from data format

Hierarchies

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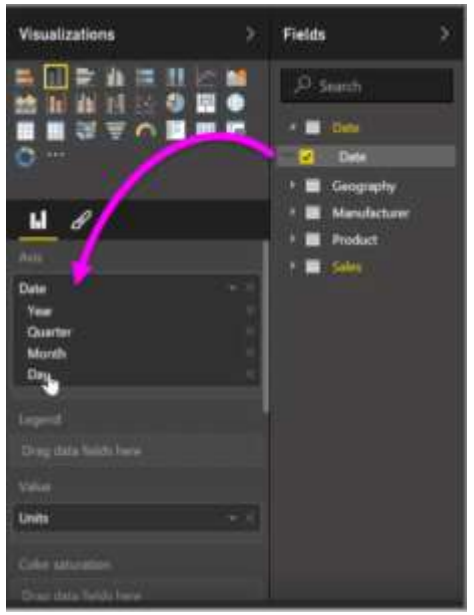
- Power BI generates Date hierarchies when dates are added to visuals, this allows the end user to drill from Year, Quarter, Month & Day.



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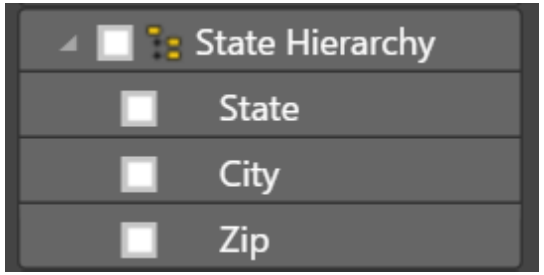

Sort By Column

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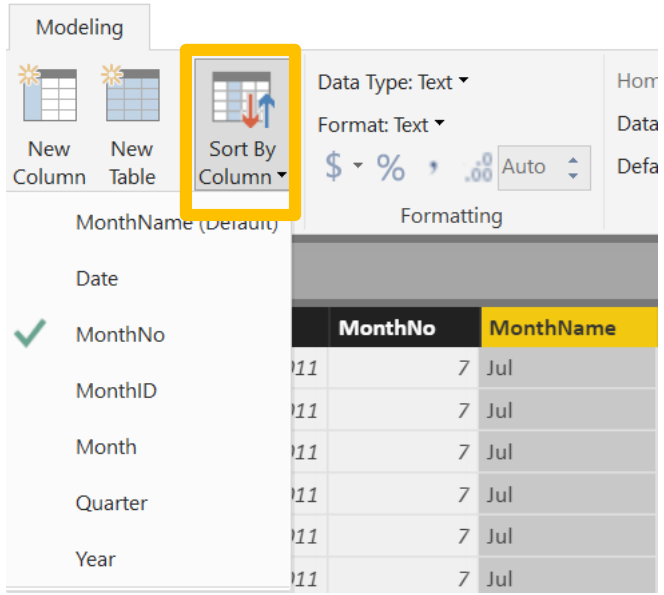
- Enables sorting one text field by another (numeric) field
- Contradictions will cause an error while loading
- Needed for example for months



KNOWLEDGE CHECK Module

Power BI

1. What is a *data model* in the context of Power BI?
2. What are some advantages of a star schema over a flat or denormalized model?
3. How might you improve the performance of a Power BI model?
4. How does Power BI store DateTime information? What are some consequences of this? How should DateTime be modelled

KNOWLEDGE CHECK ANSWERS Module

Power BI

- What is a *data model* in the context of Power BI?
  - *A data model is a collection of tables and relationships*

- What are some advantages of a star schema over a flat or denormalized model?
  - *Dimension tables save space by reducing the amount of data that needs to be repeated over and over in every row*
  - *Relationships between tables can be leveraged for more complex measures*

- How might you improve the performance of a Power BI model?
  - *Try using a star schema instead of a flat or denormalized model*
  - *Remove unnecessary columns*
  - *Set appropriate data types*

- How does Power BI store DateTime information? What are some consequences of this?
  - *DateTime information is stored as a floating-point decimal number. This means that datetimes are very precise but not very efficient to store.*

Download example pbix

http://aka.avanade.com/ppwt2019pbix

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Module Lab

1. Open up the file **Student Modeling Pre-class.pbix**

2. Create the relationships between the tables!
   HINT: You may need to preview some of the tables to see what is in them

   Think about: What sort of data model are you creating?

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Module
DAX Calculated Columns & Measures

MODULE OBJECTIVE

Power BI

- Understand differences between calculated columns and measures (uses, evaluation, performance, etc.)

DAX Level Set

Power BI

- DAX looks similar to Excel functions, but they have key differences
- DAX is a very deep and elegant…
- This class provides a solid base in DAX, but don't expect to leave being able to write the most complex DAX patterns – they take practice.

Power BI

Path to DAX Expertise

Evaluation Contexts

CALCULATE

Calculated Columns and Measures

DAX Foundations

Power BI

Calculated Column

Measure

What is a Calculated Column?

Power BI

```
Price Band = If(ProductDim[Unit Price] <=25, "Low",If(ProductDim[Unit Price] <=50, "Medium", "High"))
```

ProductID	Product	Category	Segment	ManufacturerID	Manufacturer	Unit Cost	Unit Price	Price Band
577	Maximus UC-42	Urban	Convenience	7	VanArsdel	74.73	102.37	High
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Calculated Column

Pro Tip: Always refer to a calculated column by its full name -> **TableName[ColumnName]**

Calculated Column

Power BI

Calculated Column in DAX

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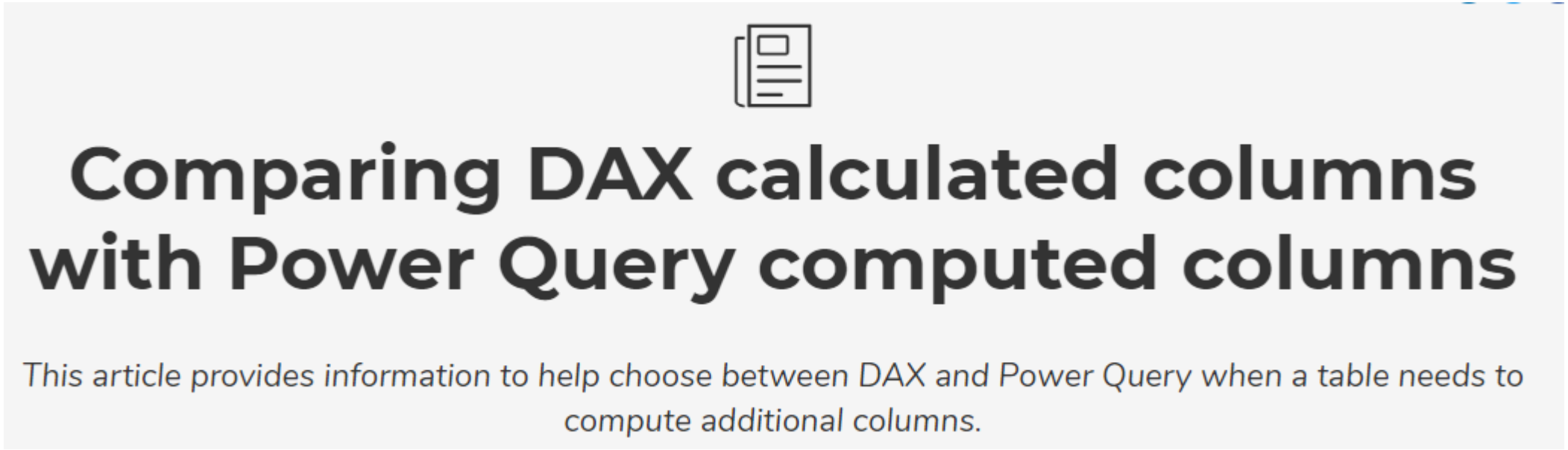
Custom Column in "Query Editor"

Note: If given a choice, creating the column in "M" or "Query Editor" will give you better compression.

More Details on this topic



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Calculated Column

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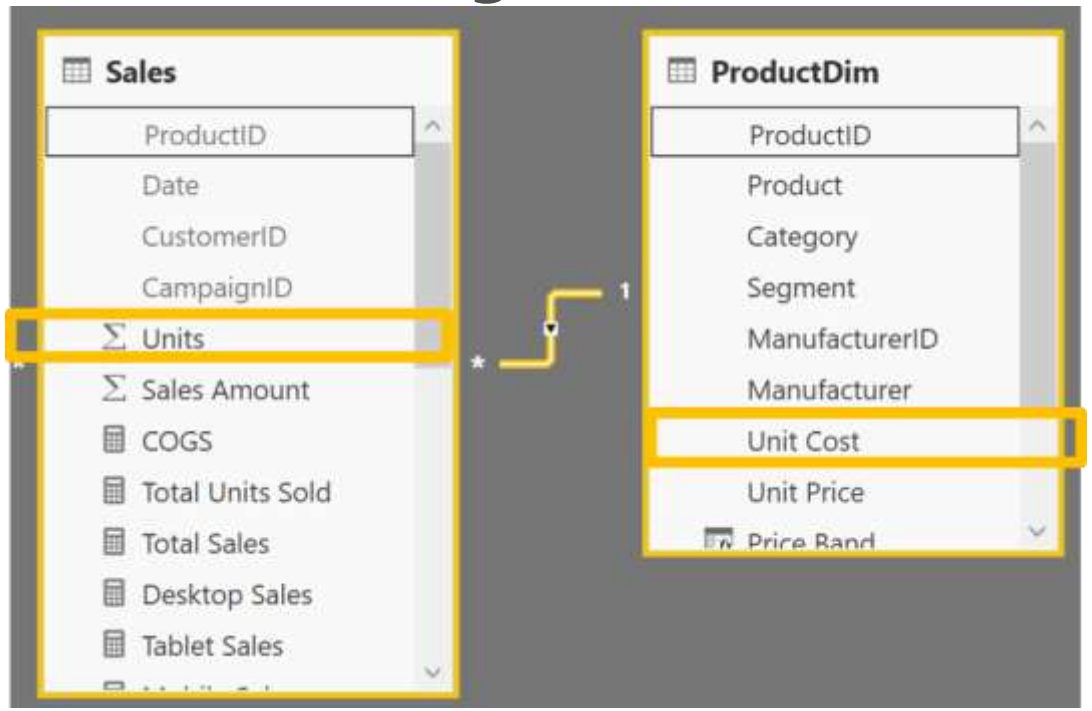
Calculated Column – Accessing columns from other Tables in model



- Often you want to access columns from multiple tables to create a Calculated Columns
- Let us say you want to calculate COGs, which is Units * Units Cost
- Units Cost is in another Table

RELATED Function

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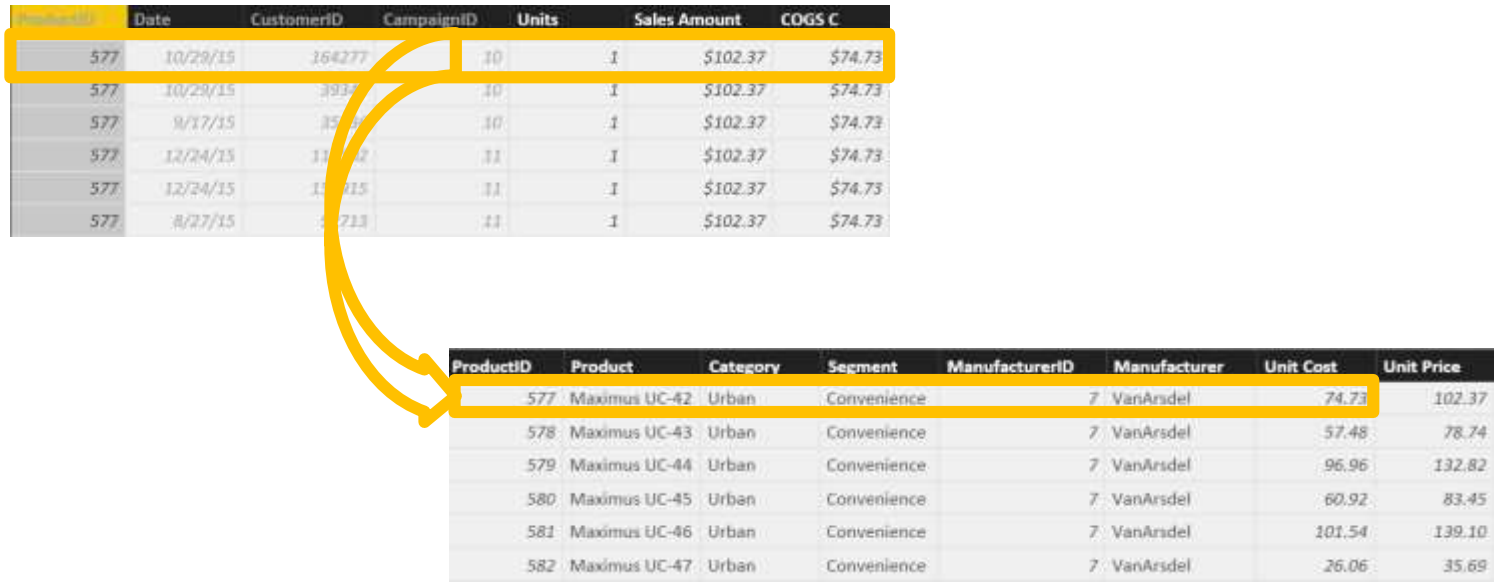
Row Context and Multiple Tables – RELATED Function

```
Sales[COGS] = RELATED(ProductDim[Unit Cost]) * Sales[Units]
```



ProductID	Date	CustomerID	CampaignID	Units	Sales Amount	COGS C
577	10/29/15	164277	10	1	$102.37	$74.73
577	10/29/15	393	10	1	$102.37	$74.73
577	9/17/15	35	10	1	$102.37	$74.73
577	12/24/15	11	11	1	$102.37	$74.73
577	12/24/15	15	11	1	$102.37	$74.73
577	8/27/15	3	11	1	$102.37	$74.73

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- **RELATED is just like VLOOKUP in Excel**

RELATED Function

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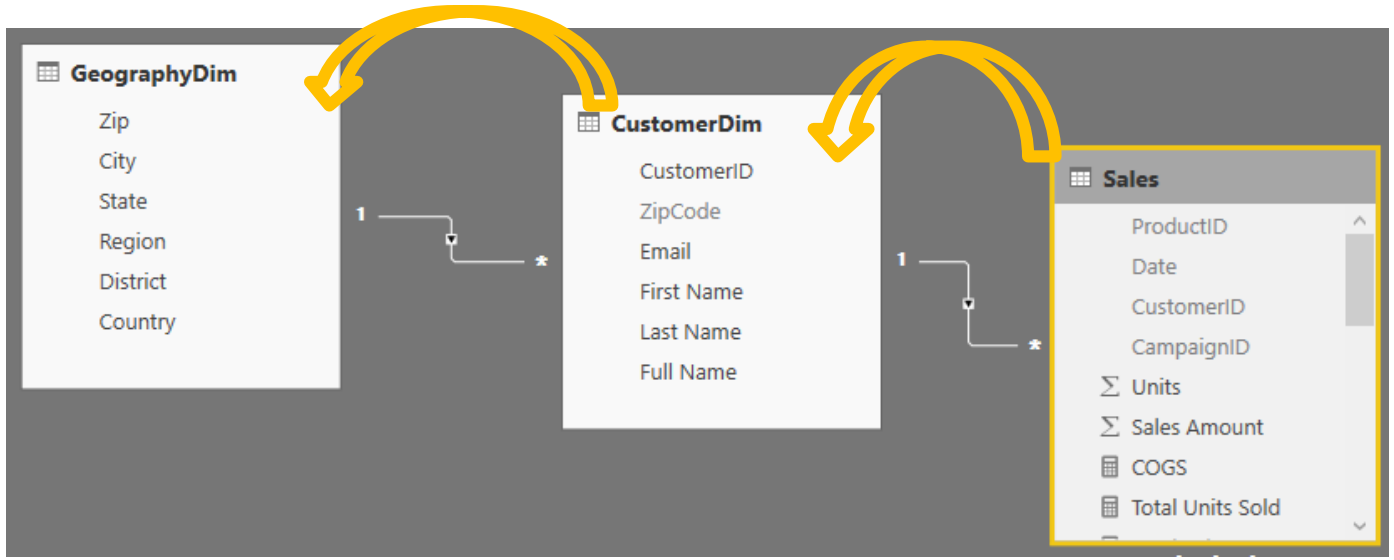
RELATED Function Example

- You *could* follow a chain of relationship from Many side to 1 side using RELATED

Sales [City State]= RELATED(GeographyDim[City]) & ", " & RELATED(GeographyDim[State])



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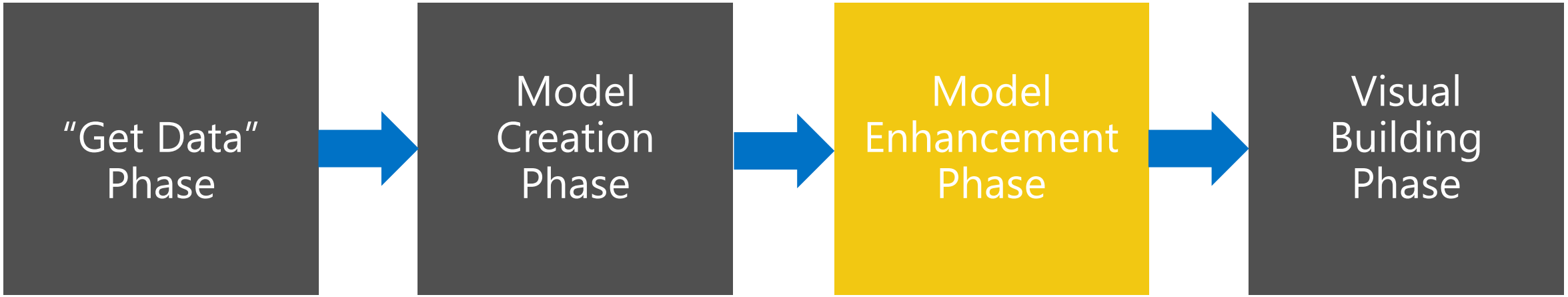
When is a Calculated Column Evaluated?



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Best Practices – Calculated Columns

Power BI

Best Practices with DAX Calculated Columns

- Whenever possible, DAX helper columns should be avoided. Each “Helper Column” will consume RAM
- Create a calculated column in the Dim Table as opposed to in the Fact Table
- Move calculated columns to “M” if you can
- Calculated Columns are evaluated during processing

DAX Foundations

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Calculated Column

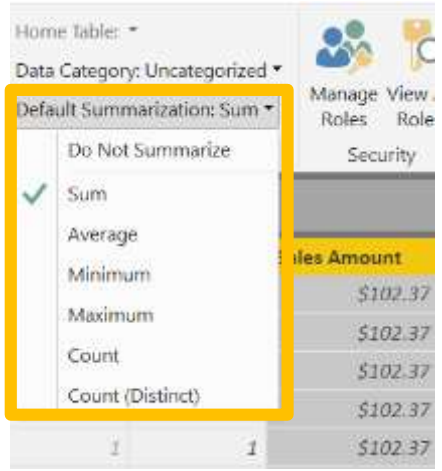
Measure

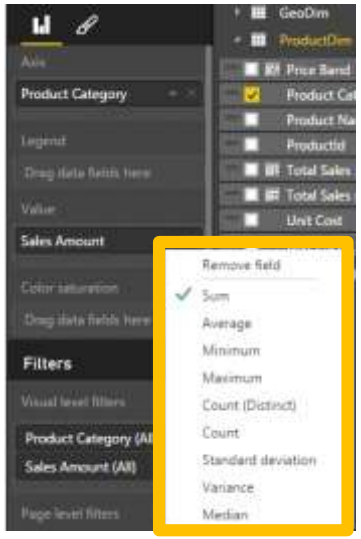
Default Summarization

Power BI

What is a Default Summarization?

On the Modeling ribbon





For an individual visualization

- Sales Amount is automatically summed for each category
- You should set this summarization for all numeric fields in the **Modeling** ribbon

Never use Implicit Measures

- It is considered best practice to not use implicit measures
  - Implicit measures don't work with Calculation Groups and it will become a best practice to disable the use of implicit measures in a Tabular model. We always said that creating measure is a best practice in a semantic model, instead of relying on the automatic aggregations created by the client (such as Power BI). Now this will become official and required to support Calculation Groups.

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PROFILE BLOG

- Excel does not work with implicit measures

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Quick Measures

Power BI

Quick Measures are wizard driven DAX calculations

- Right+Click a table and select **Quick Measures**
  - Select calculation type and fill-in parameters
  - DAX is generated automatically
  - Great way to learn DAX


```
Total Sales YoY% =
IF(
    ISFILTERED('DateDim'[Date]),
    ERROR("Time intelligence quick measures can only be grouped or filtered by the Power BI-provided date hierarchy or primary date
column."),
    VAR __PREV_YEAR = CALCULATE([Total Sales], DATEADD('DateDim'[Date].[Date], -1, YEAR))
    RETURN
        DIVIDE([Total Sales] - __PREV_YEAR, __PREV_YEAR)
)
```

Category	Total Sales	Total Sales YoY%
Urban	$54,427,851	9.98%
Accessory	$5,991,334	9.06%
Mix	$3,853,181	14.15%
Youth	$1,268,274	3.37%
Rural	$6,500	38.43%
Total	**$65,547,141**	**10.00%**

See Quick Measure gallery: https://community.powerbi.com/t5/Quick-Measures-Gallery/bd-p/QuickMeasuresGallery

Measures

Power BI

What is a Measure?

ProductID	Date	CustomerID	CampaignID	Units	Sales Amount
666	2/24/12	58642	3	1	$81.37
666	2/25/12	208515	3	1	$81.37
666	7/12/12	164032	3	1	$81.37
666	7/12/12	243676	3	1	$81.37
406	6/12/16	31036	16	1	$191.62
406	6/17/16	44688	16	1	$191.62
406	6/17/16	108991	16	1	$191.62

[Total Sales]=SUM(Sales[Sales Amount])

- Measures are created using DAX
- Place your Measures on a Fact table for best results

Pro Tip: When referring to a measure in other calculations, refer to it without a Table name: **[MeasureName]**

Power BI

Measure, Use Case 1: Using One Measure in Another

Instead of writing this:

```
[Profit] = SUM(Sales[Sales Amount])-SUM(Sales[COGS])
```

Write this:

```
[Profit] = [Total Sales]- [Total COGS]
```

- Allows re-use of measures
- Formulas are much simpler to read

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Measure, Use Case 2: More Complex Calculations

```
[Profit Margin %] = [Profit] / [Total Sales]
```

- Ratios are calculations that cannot be created using a Calculated Column or Default Summarization
- Use DAX **DIVIDE** for built in error handling

```
[Profit Margin %] = DIVIDE([Profit] , [Total Sales])
```

Think about the order of aggregation!

Customer	Tons	Price	Price Per Ton
C1	5	10,00 €	2,00 €
C2	20	20,00 €	1,00 €
C1	5	12,00 €	2,40 €
C3	10	5,00 €	0,50 €
Total	**40**	**47,00 €**	**???**

Row-wise

Option 1: 2 + 1+ 2,4 + 0,5 = 5,90 EUR

Option 2: AVG(2 ; 1; 2,4 ; 0,5) = 1,48 EUR

First aggregate

Option 3: 47 EUR / 40 = 1,18 EUR

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Measure, Use Case 3: More Complex Calculations Using Variables

```
MobileSalesLastYear =
    VAR MobileProducts = FILTER(
                            ALL('CampaignDim'[Device]),
                            CampaignDim[Device]="Mobile"
                        )
    VAR LastYear = SAMEPERIODLASTYEAR('DateDim'[Date])
    RETURN
    CALCULATE(SUM(Sales[Sales Amount]),MobileProducts,LastYear)
```

- Allows re-use of variables
- Formulas are much simpler to read

Dax Formatter makes measures easier to read

- Formats any DAX measure
- https://www.daxformatter.com/

```
MobileSalesLastYear =
VAR MobileProducts =
    FILTER (
        ALL ( 'CampaignDim'[Device] ),
        CampaignDim[Device] = "Mobile"
    )
VAR LastYear =
    SAMEPERIODLASTYEAR ( 'DateDim'[Date] )
RETURN
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        MobileProducts,
        LastYear
    )
```

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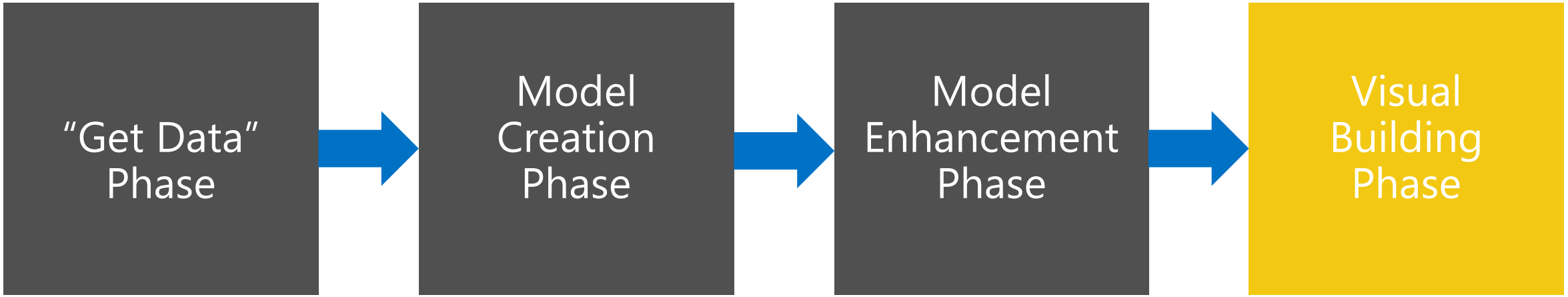
When is a Measure Evaluated?



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Calculated Column vs. Measure

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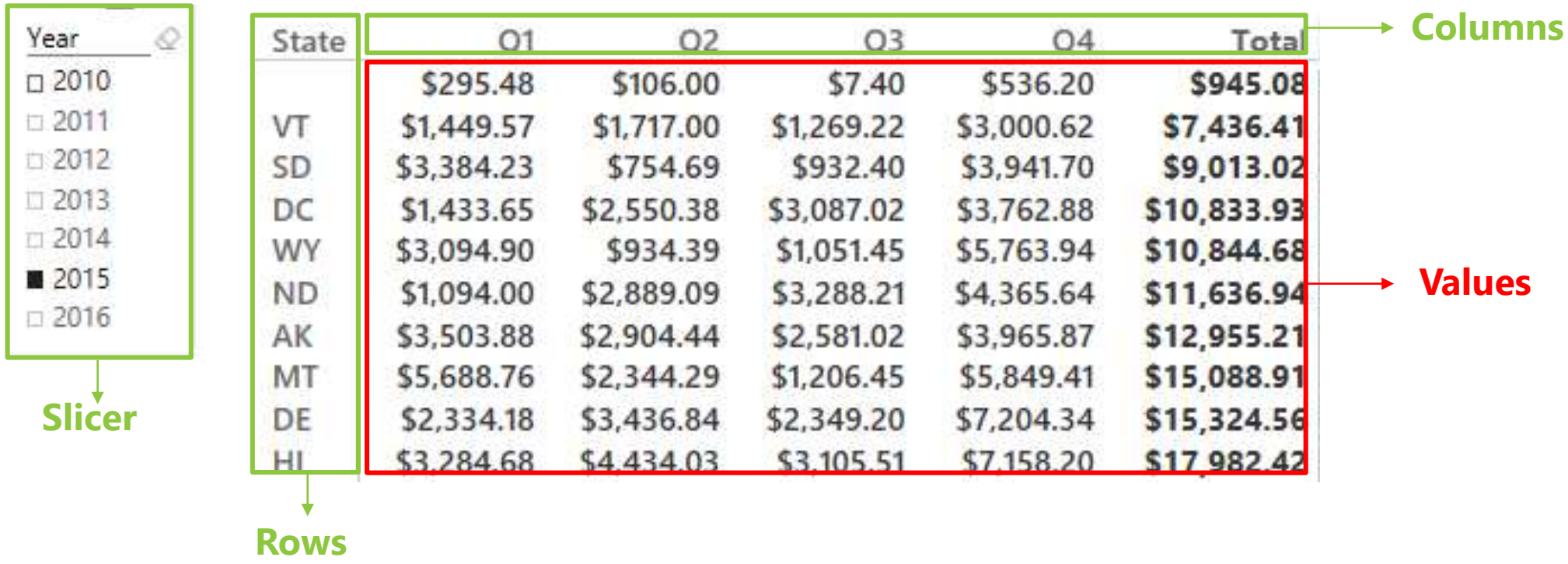
Calculated Column vs. Measure - When to Use What



Rule of Thumb for Calculated Column vs Measure

- **Calculated Column** – Use in Page, Report & Visual Filters as well as Slicers, Rows and Columns
- **Measures** - Use in Values section

KNOWLEDGE CHECK Module

Power BI

- When is Calculated Column Evaluated?
- What is Default Summarization?
- When is a Measure Evaluated?
- When to use Measures and Calculated Columns?

KNOWLEDGE CHECK ANSWERS Module

Power BI

- When is Calculated Column Evaluated?
  - *At the time of data load/data refresh.*
- What is Default Summarization?
  - *A default summarization is an implicit measure created in the background when you put a numeric field on a visualization. The function used (sum/max/min/avg/…) is based on the numeric field's default summarization setting.*
- When is a Measure Evaluated?
  - *At render time.*
- When to use Measures and Calculated Columns?
  - *It depends ☺. Calculated columns are useful when each row of data should be independently considered (although measures can do this too!) and the result won't change until the next data refresh. Measures should be used everywhere else.*

Module Lab

1. Create a MEASURE for Total Units Sold
   HINT: The formula will probably use SUM()

2. Create a CALCULATED COLUMN on the fact table that shows product category and campaign traffic channel combined
   Example: Urban, Organic Search

3. It is easy to see that the CALCULATED COLUMN is working. Create some visuals that allow you to confirm that the Total Units Sold MEASURE is working right

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Module
CALCULATE

MODULE 3 OBJECTIVE

Power BI

- Understand the basics of the CALCULATE formula

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PATH to DAX Expertise

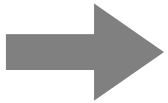
Evaluation Contexts

CALCULATE

Calculated Columns and Measures

Why is CALCULATE Useful?

You create a report of breakdown of Sales by Month



Typical Business Question:
Provide a break out of this Sales from Desktop

Month	Total Sales
January	$3,379,202
February	$4,434,793
March	$7,848,903
April	$8,175,811
May	$8,133,443
June	$7,847,091
July	$5,736,090
August	$5,739,110
September	$4,755,394
October	$3,746,354
November	$2,968,954
December	$2,781,997
Total	**$65,547,141**

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April	$8,175,811	$2,540,481
May	$8,133,443	$2,699,799
June	$7,847,091	$2,381,357
July	$5,736,090	$2,243,771
August	$5,739,110	$2,043,244
September	$4,755,394	$1,633,458
October	$3,746,354	$1,203,403
November	$2,968,954	$866,860
December	$2,781,997	$884,017
Total	**$65,547,141**	**$22,215,229**

Here is how you do it with CALCULATE

[Desktop Sales] = CALCULATE([Total Sales], CampaignDim[Device] = "Desktop")

- Use CALCULATE function to create a Measure which filters down to Desktop Sales

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Anatomy of CALCULATE

CALCULATE(Expression, [Filter 1], [Filter 2].....)

Filter Arguments

- EXPRESSION used as the first parameter is essentially the same as a measure
- CALCULATE works differently from other DAX functions
- The second set of arguments, i.e. the “Filter arguments,” are evaluated and applied first
- Then the Expression is evaluated under new “Filter Context"

CALCULATE – Add Filter

Power BI

CALCULATE – The Most Important Function in DAX

4 Key functions that CALCULATE can do:

- **Add Filter**
- Ignore Filter
- Update Filter
- Convert Row Context to Filter Context

CALCULATE – Add Filter

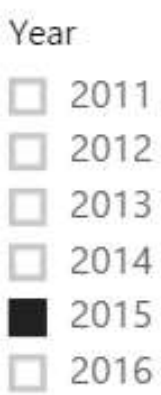
Power BI

[Desktop Sales] = CALCULATE([Total Sales], CampaignDim[Device] = "Desktop")

[Tablet Sales] = CALCULATE([Total Sales], CampaignDim[Device] = “Tablet")

[Mobile Sales] = CALCULATE([Total Sales], CampaignDim[Device] = “Mobile")

Month	Total Sales	Desktop Sales	Tablet Sales	Mobile Sales
January	$617,594	$248,081	$113,385	$256,128
February	$846,436	$300,692	$278,821	$266,922
March	$1,382,885	$492,987	$223,870	$334,252
April	$1,512,488	$461,759	$620,238	$404,458
May	$1,589,728	$558,984	$368,121	$511,447
June	$1,402,897	$433,576	$459,494	$313,134
July	$1,122,721	$430,424	$316,463	$375,833
August	$1,222,190	$501,972	$312,637	$404,067
September	$865,028	$308,490	$304,430	$244,142
October	$712,729	$232,041	$246,786	$203,002
November	$562,400	$192,873	$171,329	$169,693
December	$467,428	$148,821	$162,990	$144,679
Total	**$12,304,523**	**$4,310,700**	**$3,578,565**	**$3,627,759**



*When the Device Slicer is selected, only “Total Sales” changes.

CALCULATE – Ignore Filter

Power BI

CALCULATE – The Most Important Function in DAX

4 Key functions that CALCULATE can do

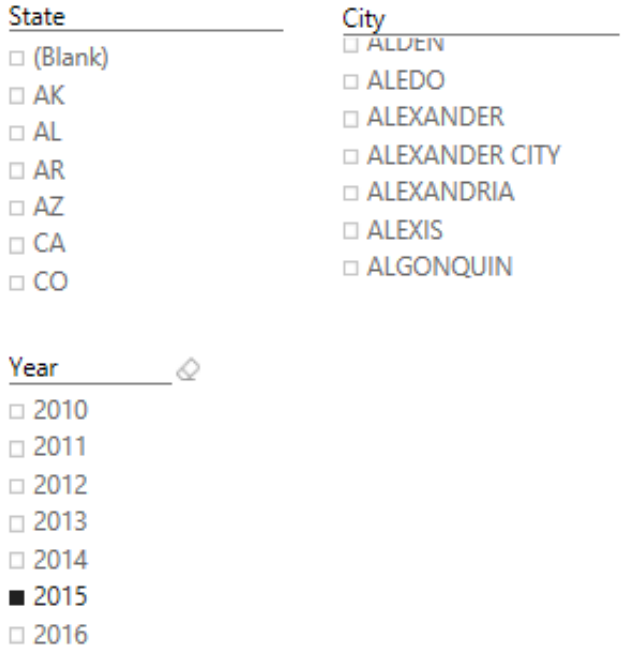
- Add Filter
- **Ignore Filter**
- Update Filter
- Convert Row Context to Filter Context

CALCULATE – Ignore an Existing Filter

Power BI

[Total Sales All Geo] = CALCULATE([Total Sales], ALL(GeographyDim))

State	Total Sales	Total Sales All Geo
UT	$482,268	$65,547,141
VA	$1,609,751	$65,547,141
VT	$42,233	$65,547,141
WA	$1,336,132	$65,547,141
WI	$2,297,199	$65,547,141
WV	$599,850	$65,547,141
WY	$351,374	$65,547,141
Total	**$65,547,141**	**$65,547,141**



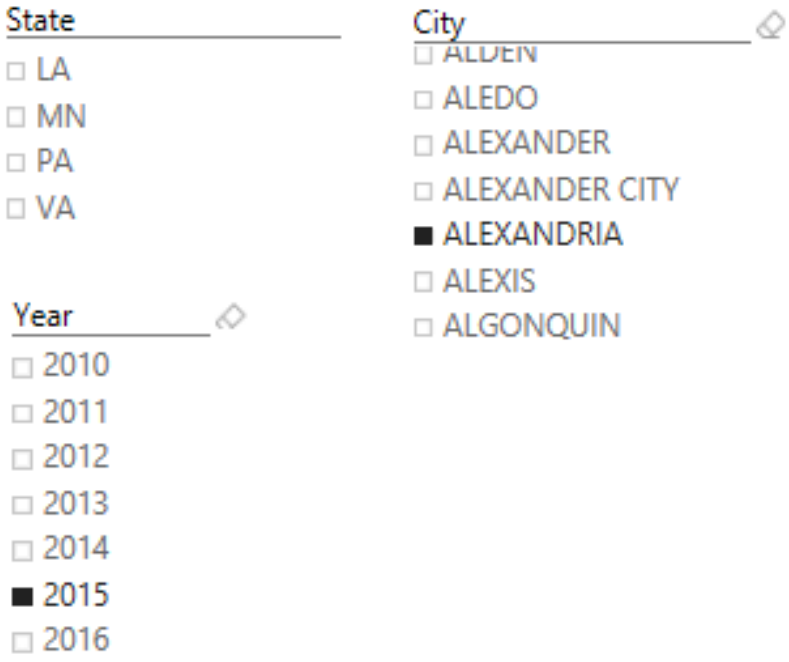
*Ignore filter on ANY column from the GeographyDim table, but allows filters from Year

CALCULATE – Ignore an Existing Filter

Power BI

[Total Sales All States] = CALCULATE([Total Sales], ALL(GeographyDim[State]))

State	Total Sales	Total Sales All Geo	Total Sales All States
AL	$206	$12,304,523	$15,387
IN	$710	$12,304,523	$15,387
KY	$702	$12,304,523	$15,387
LA	$3,343	$12,304,523	$15,387
MN	$2,545	$12,304,523	$15,387
MO		$12,304,523	$15,387
NE		$12,304,523	$15,387
OH		$12,304,523	$15,387
PA	$283	$12,304,523	$15,387
SD		$12,304,523	$15,387
TN	$144	$12,304,523	$15,387
VA	$7,455	$12,304,523	$15,387
Total	**$15,387**	**$12,304,523**	**$15,387**



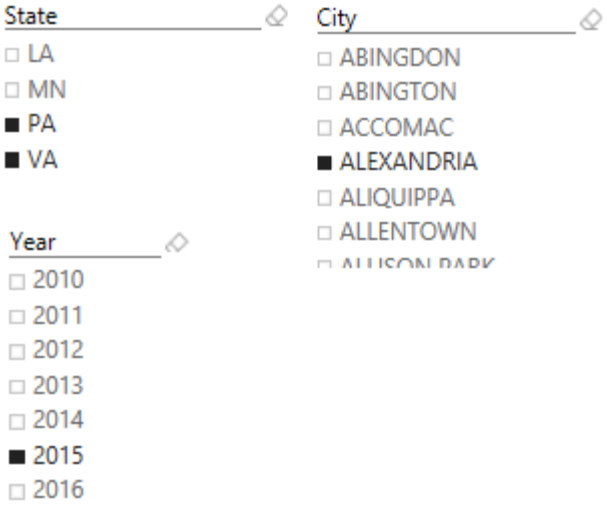
*Ignore filter on the STATE column from the GeographyDim table, but allows filters from Year

CALCULATE – Ignore Existing Filter

Power BI

[Total Sales All Selected States] = CALCULATE([Total Sales], ALLSELECTED(GeographyDim[State]))

State	Total Sales	Total Sales All Geo	Total Sales All States	Total Sales All Selected States
PA	$283	$12,304,523	$15,387	$7,737
VA	$7,455	$12,304,523	$15,387	$7,737
Total	**$7,737**	**$12,304,523**	**$15,387**	**$7,737**



*Ignore filter on the STATE column from the GeographyDim table, but allows filters from Year

CALCULATE – Update Filter

Power BI

CALCULATE – The Most Important Function in DAX

4 Key functions that CALCULATE can do

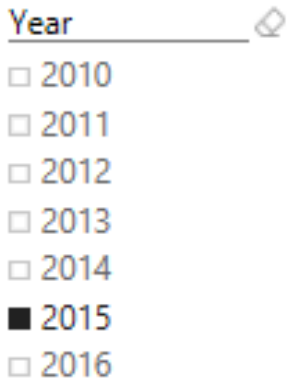
- Add Filter
- Ignore Filter
- **Update Filter**
- Convert Row Context to Filter Context

CALCULATE – Update Existing Filter

Power BI

[2014 Sales] = CALCULATE([Total Sales], DateDim[Year] = 2014)

Month	Total Sales	2014 Sales
January	$617,594	$624,956
February	$846,436	$817,549
March	$1,382,885	$1,245,627
April	$1,512,488	$1,400,954
May	$1,589,728	$1,510,563
June	$1,402,897	$1,481,390
July	$1,122,721	$1,281,466
August	$1,222,190	$1,273,948
September	$865,028	$1,201,762
October	$712,729	$916,774
November	$562,400	$714,021
December	$467,428	$575,281
Total	**$12,304,523**	**$13,044,290**



*Ignores filter on the Year Slicer

CALCULATE – Convert Row Context to Filter Context

Power BI

CALCULATE – The Most Important Function in DAX

4 Key functions that CALCULATE can do

- Add Filter
- Ignore Filter
- Update Filter
- **Convert Row Context to Filter Context**

Let's investigate what we mean by **Filter Context**

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Use the time to get in contact with your classmates and instructors!!

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Module
DAX Evaluation Contexts

MODULE 4 OBJECTIVES

Power BI

- Understand that there are different kinds of evaluation contexts and be able to explain what different contexts are in play
- Be able to use iterator functions and CALCULATE to create sophisticated measures

PATH to DAX Expertise

Evaluation Contexts

CALCULATE

Calculated Columns and Measures

Evaluation Context

Power BI

There are two contexts under which calculations are evaluated

Row Context

Filter Context

Row context in Calculated Column

Power BI

Sales[COGS] = RELATED(ProductDim[Unit Cost]) * Sales[Units]

Date	ProductId	Units	COGS C
1/27/2014	103	1	$21
1/27/2013	65	1	$15
4/5/2013	103	1	$21
10/7/2014	65	1	$15
6/24/2014	65	1	$15
8/22/2013	103	1	$21

- Formula is evaluated row by row
- The context under which formula is evaluated for each row is called “Row Context”

Pro Tip: To accumulate up from Fact to Dimension, use **RELATEDTABLE()**

Evaluation Context

Power BI

Both Calculated Columns and Measures are always evaluated under two contexts

Row Context

Filter Context

Filter Context in Measures

Power BI

Filter Context in a Measure – Example 1

[Total Sales] = SUM(Sales[Sales Amount])

Filter Context for current coordinate Year = 2015, State = **HI**, Quarter = **Q1**

State	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
	$295.48	$106.00	$7.40	$536.20	$945.08
VT	$1,449.57	$1,717.00	$1,269.22	$3,000.62	$7,436.41
SD	$3,384.23	$754.69	$932.40	$3,941.70	$9,013.02
DC	$1,433.65	$2,550.38	$3,087.02	$3,762.88	$10,833.93
WY	$3,094.90	$934.39	$1,051.45	$5,763.94	$10,844.68
ND	$1,094.00	$2,889.09	$3,288.21	$4,365.64	$11,636.94
AK	$3,503.88	$2,904.44	$2,581.02	$3,965.87	$12,955.21
MT	$5,688.76	$2,344.29	$1,206.45	$5,849.41	$15,088.91
DE	$2,334.18	$3,436.84	$2,349.20	$7,204.34	$15,324.56
HI	$3,284.68	$4,434.03	$3,105.51	$7,158.20	$17,982.42

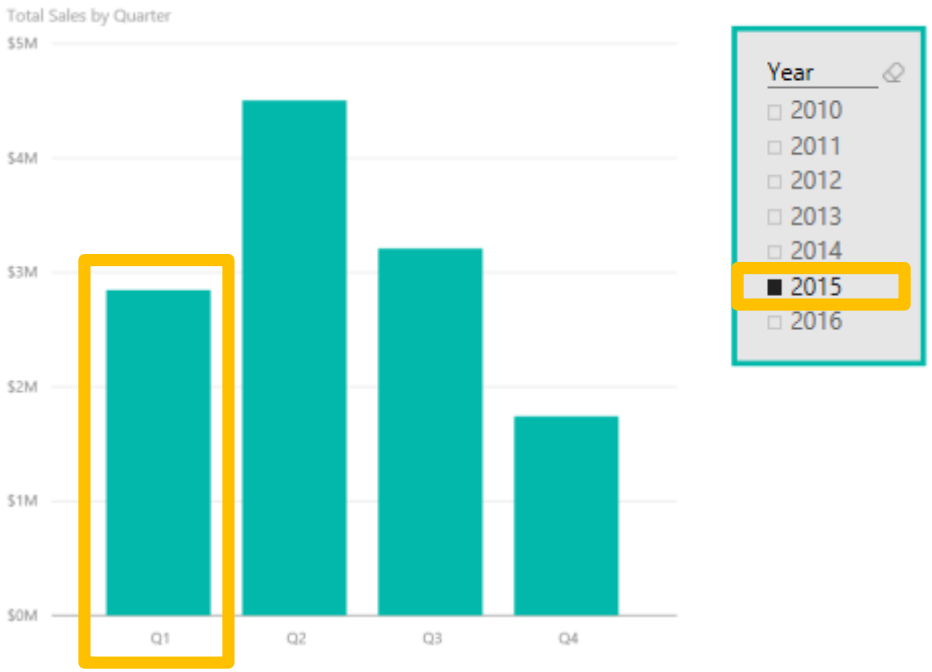
- Formula is evaluated for each "Coordinate" in each visual
- The context for each coordinate is called "Filter Context"

Power BI

Filter Context in a Measure – Example 2

[Total Sales] = SUM(Sales[Sales Amount])

Filter Context : Year = 2015, Quarter = **Q1**



Filter Context : Year = 2015, Quarter = **Q2**

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Filter Context in a Measure

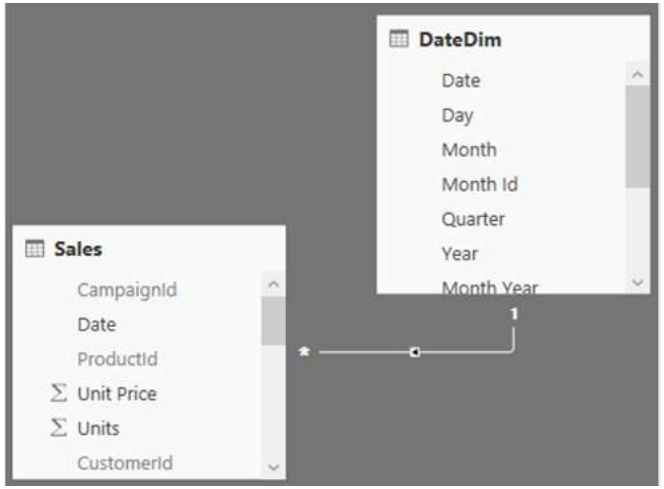
```
[Total Sales] = SUM(Sales[Sales Amount])
```

Better definition of above measure:

"Total Sales" – SUM of Sales[Sales Amount] column **under a filter context**

Filter Context and Multiple Tables

Power BI



- Filter context automatically propagates from Dim Table to Fact Table
- Filtering the DateDim Table to Year = 2015 returns only Sales for 2015

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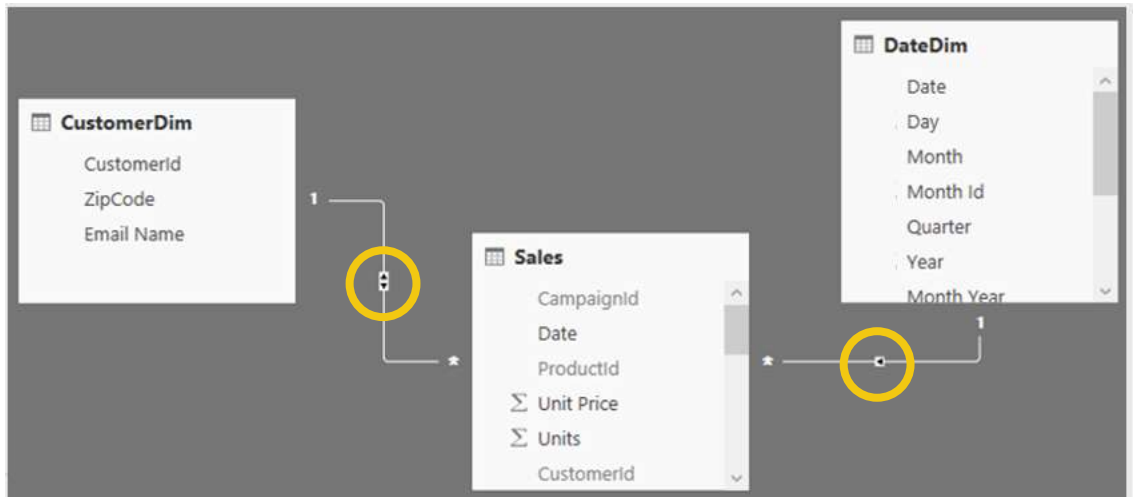
Filter Context and Multiple Tables



- Filters (Filter context) automatically propagate based on direction of arrows in relationships
- Examples
  - Filter goes from DateDim to CustomerDim
  - Filter does not go from CustomerDim to DateDim

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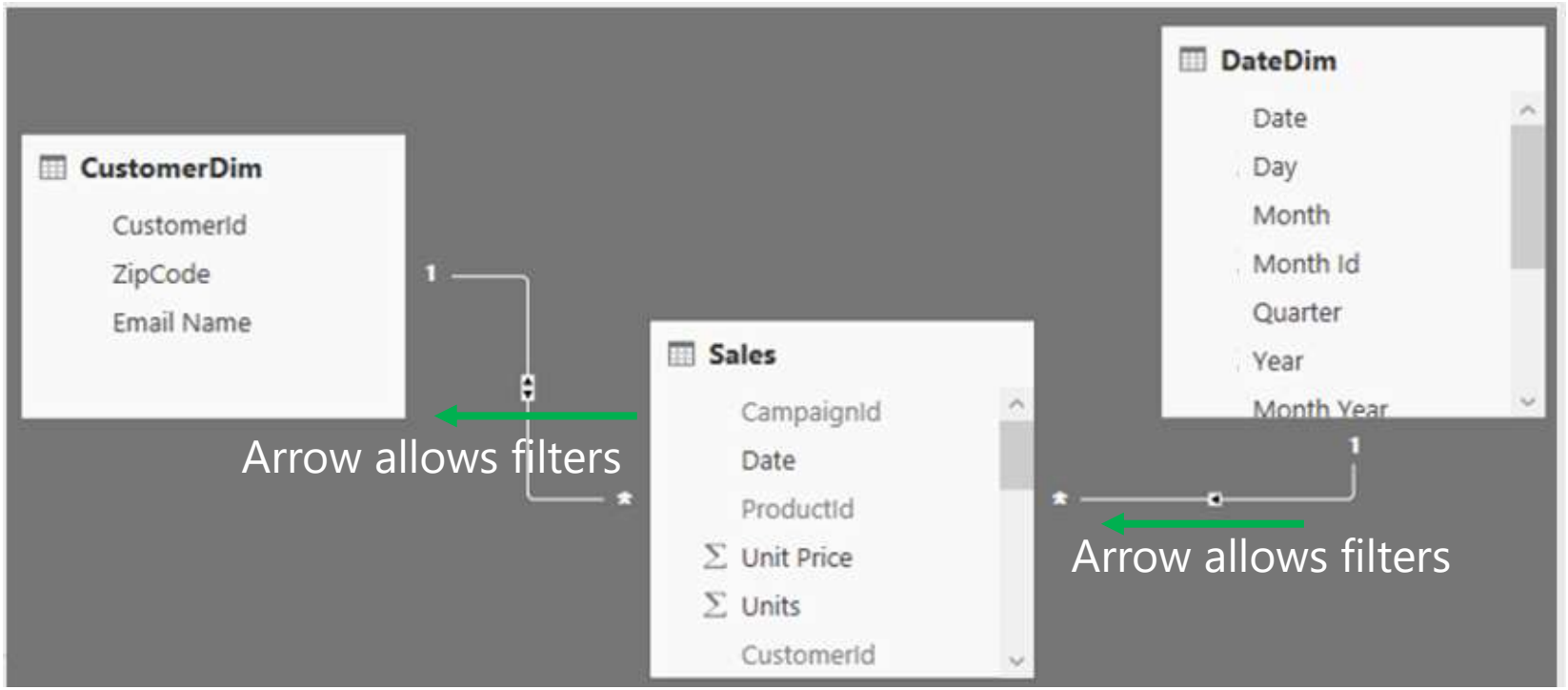
Filter Context and Multiple Tables – Right Arrow Direction



Cross filtering works properly

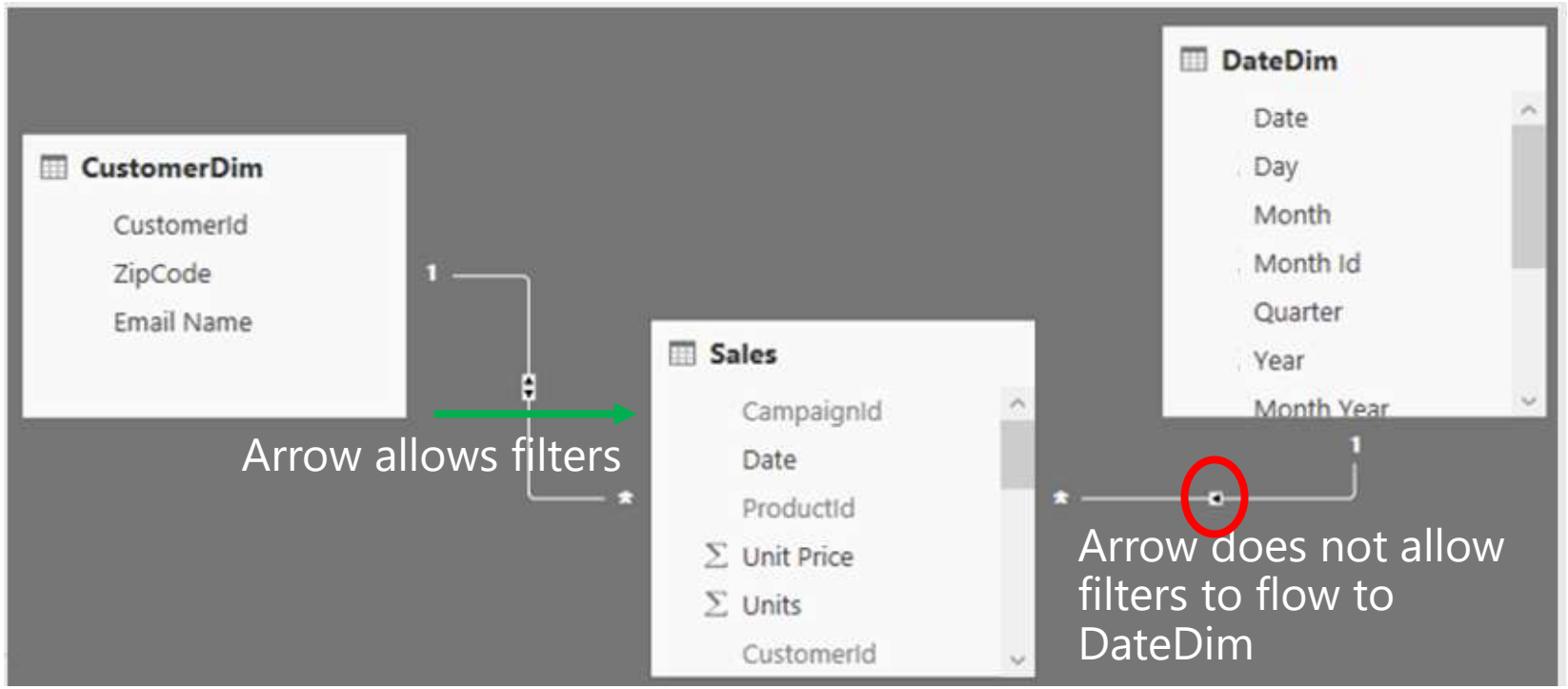
Month	Total Sales M	Count of CustomerId
Jan	$1,673,394.03	7132
Feb	$431,531.13	2820
Mar	$690,671.10	4017
Apr	$852,018.76	4629
May	$972,018.47	5185
Jun	$907,703.04	4854
Jul	$608,678.35	3680
Aug	$1,355,530.22	6242
Sep	$720,851.83	4186
Oct	$1,117,087.73	5728
Nov	$2,372,763.71	8242
Dec	$2,003,261.11	7683
Total	**$13,705,509.48**	**10000**

- Filter goes from DateDim to CustomerDim
- This is why the above Pivot table works

Filter Context and Multiple Tables

Power BI

Filter Context and Multiple Tables – Wrong Arrow Direction



Cross filtering does not work

CustomerId	Total Sales M	Count of Month
	$1,985.76	12
00001	$438.34	12
00002	$840.08	12
00003	$1,246.69	12
00004	$706.23	12
00005	$1,653.97	12
00006	$2,170.10	12
00007	$2,308.44	12
00008	$1,517.34	12
00009	$1,184.11	12
00010	$2,221.02	12
00011	$1,646.48	12
Total	**$13,705,509.48**	**12**

- Filter goes from DateDim to CustomerDim
- This is why the Count of Month in the table above is incorrect

Bidirectional filters are dangerous!

The presence of that bidirectional cross-filter is going to quickly create our worst nightmare

https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/bidirectional-relationships-and-ambiguity-in-dax/

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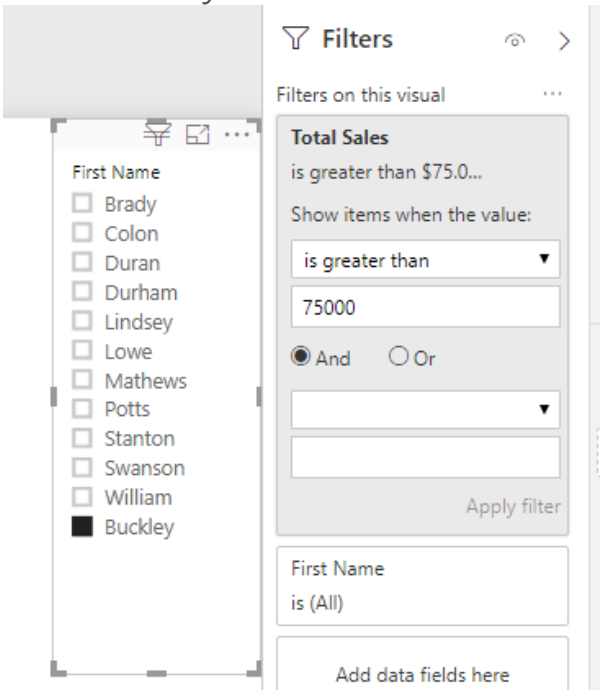
- Since June 2019 Power BI allows to filters slicers by a measure and thus many use cases for bi-directional relationships have gone away



Evaluation Context and Multiple Tables

Power BI

Evaluation Context Multiple Table – Summary and Take Aways

Row Context

- Does not propagate automatically
- Need to use
  RELATED
  RELATEDTABLE

Filter Context

- Propagates automatically
- Depends on direction of arrow in relationship diagram

DAX Function Types

Power BI

Scalar Functions

- Scalar functions return a Single value as an output
- Ex. SUM(Sale[Sales Amount])

Table Functions

- Table functions return a Table as an output
- Ex. ALL(GeographyDim)

There are other ways to classify functions – By kind of operation they perform etc.

Applications of Table functions

Power BI

Table functions can be used 2 ways in Power BI Desktop

- As an input to another DAX function
  - CALCULATE
  - Iterator functions

- Calculated Tables

Basic TABLE functions

Power BI

Return All Rows	Return Distinct Rows	Return Filtered Rows
ALL & variants	ALL, DISTINCT, VALUES	FILTER

There are more advanced Table functions, which we will not cover

Basic Table functions – Return All Rows

Power BI

- The **ALL** function - Can take either Table or Columns in a Table as input

ALL with Entire Table

ALL(GeographyDim)

Returns all rows all columns in Table

ALL with One Column

ALL(GeographyDim[Region]))

Returns all unique values of Column

ALL with Multiple Columns

ALL(GeographyDim[Region], GeographyDim[State])

Returns all unique combinations of Column values

Basic Table functions – ALL versions

Power BI

- There are several forms of the ALL function
  - **ALL**
  - **ALLEXCEPT** - Return all columns in a Table except 1 or more columns
  - **ALLSELECTED** – Return all values in a column selected by users in Slicers
  - **ALLNONBLANKROW** – Return all non-Blank rows

Basic Table Functions – Return Distinct Rows

Power BI

- **VALUES –** Return all distinct values in a column or Table
  (including blank rows)

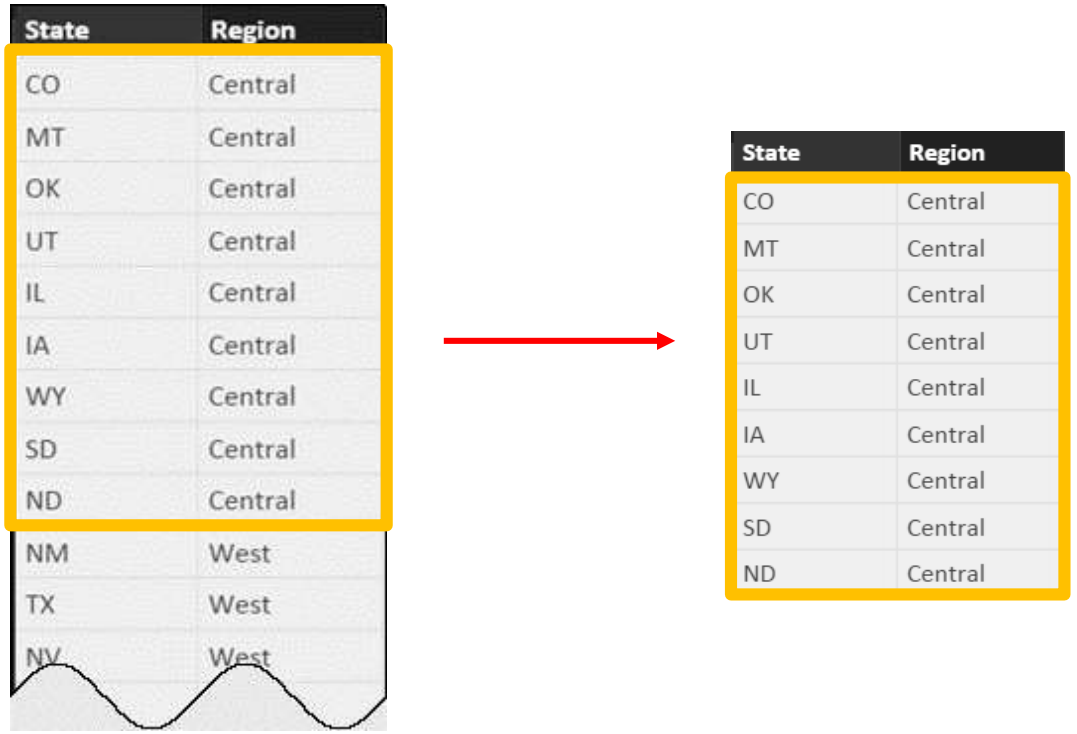
- **DISTINCT** - Return all distinct values in a column or Table
  (not including blank rows)

Basic Table Functions – Return Filtered Set of Rows

Power BI

FILTER(ALL(GeographyDim[Region], GeographyDim[State]), GeographyDim[Region] = "Central")

- Take all unique combinations of GeographyDim[Region], GeographyDim[State]
- Filter down to the rows where GeographyDim[Region] = "Central"



State	Region
CO	Central
MT	Central
OK	Central
UT	Central
IL	Central
IA	Central
WY	Central
SD	Central
ND	Central
NM	West
TX	West
NV	West

State	Region
CO	Central
MT	Central
OK	Central
UT	Central
IL	Central
IA	Central
WY	Central
SD	Central
ND	Central

Power BI

DAX Iterator Functions Take Advantage of Evaluation Context

Iterator Functions

- Creates a *row context* by iterating over a table that you specify
- Ex. SUMX

Table Functions Application – Iterators

Power BI

```
[COGS] = SUMX(Sales, Sales[Units] * RELATED(ProductDim[Unit Cost]))
```

Table Functions Application – Iterators

Power BI

```
[COGS] = SUMX(Sales, Sales[Units] * RELATED(ProductDim[Unit Cost]))
```

Argument 1

Date	ProductId	Units
1/27/2014	103	1
1/27/2013	65	1
4/5/2013	103	1
10/7/2014	65	1
6/24/2014	65	1
8/22/2013	103	1
11/8/2013	65	1
3/27/2015	103	1
5/26/2013	103	1
12/23/2014	103	1
1/28/2015	103	1
5/21/2015	65	1
7/5/2015	103	1
7/19/2015	65	1

Iterate through each row in Argument 1

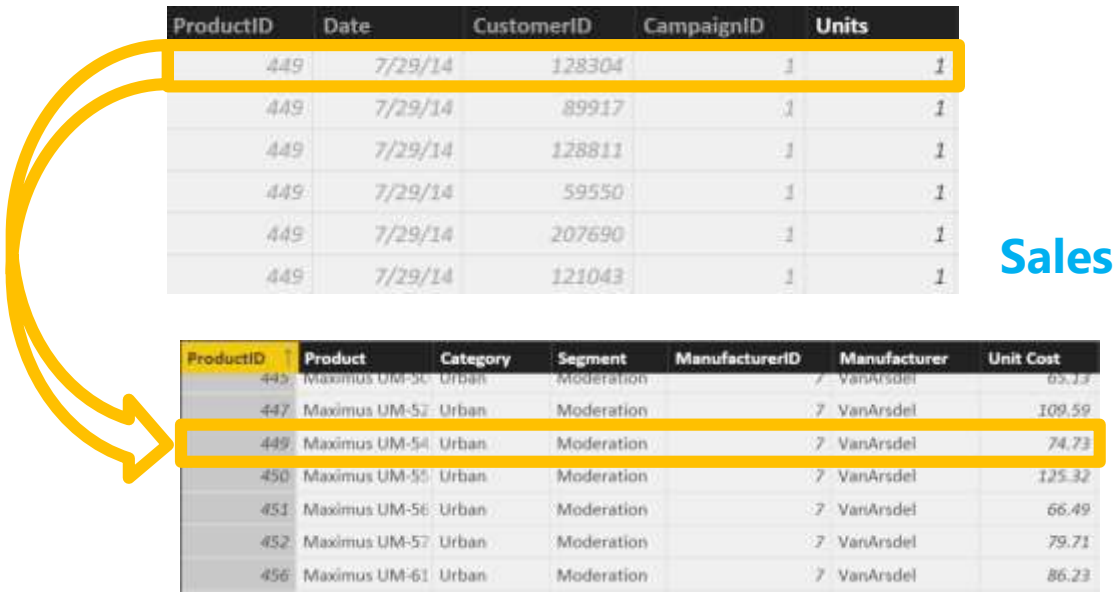
Sales

Table Functions Application – Iterators

Power BI

```
[COGS] = SUMX(Sales, Sales[Units] * RELATED(ProductDim[Unit Cost]))
```

Argument 2



ProductID	Date	CustomerID	CampaignID	Units
449	7/29/14	128304	1	1
449	7/29/14	89917	1	1
449	7/29/14	128811	1	1
449	7/29/14	59550	1	1
449	7/29/14	207690	1	1
449	7/29/14	121043	1	1

Sales

ProductID	Product	Category	Segment	ManufacturerID	Manufacturer	Unit Cost
447	Maximus UM-52	Urban	Moderation	7	VanArsdel	109.59
449	Maximus UM-54	Urban	Moderation	7	VanArsdel	74.73
450	Maximus UM-55	Urban	Moderation	7	VanArsdel	125.32
451	Maximus UM-56	Urban	Moderation	7	VanArsdel	66.49
452	Maximus UM-57	Urban	Moderation	7	VanArsdel	79.71
456	Maximus UM-61	Urban	Moderation	7	VanArsdel	86.23

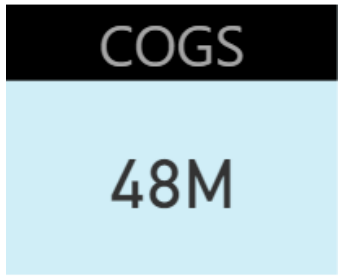
ProductDim

Row Context in a Measure – Iterator Functions

Power BI

```
[COGS] = SUMX(Sales, Sales[Units] * RELATED(ProductDim[Unit Cost]))
```

SUM it up



SUM up list obtained

Iterators

Power BI

Why Can an Iterator be a Better Approach then a Calculated Column?

- You avoid creating a Calculated Column
- Let us see the impact of a Calculated Column Called COGS on Data model with 100K rows - What if we have 10 M rows?
- Iterators help you avoid several “Intermediate Calculated Columns”

CALCULATE – Converting Row Context to Filter Context (Example 1)

```
Sales velocity Segment = IF(
                          SUMX(RELATEDTABLE(Sales), Sales[Sales Amount])>=200000,
                         “High  Velocity”,
                         “Low Velocity”)
```

```
Sales Velocity (Using CALCULATE) = IF (
                                    CALCULATE(SUM(Sales[Sales Amount])) >= 200000,
                                    "High Velocity",
                                    "Low Velocity")
```

- Another way to do Dynamic Segmentation
- This method does not use Iterators
- Instead it uses CALCULATE to convert Row Context to Filter Context

Other Iterator Functions

Power BI

AVERAGEX , PRODUCTX, MINX, MAXX– All work the same way as SUMX

RANKX – Works similar to SUMX, but slightly more complex (more options)

Table Functions – Summary and Application

Power BI

Table functions can be used in 2 ways in Power BI Desktop:

- As an input to another DAX function
  - CALCULATE
  - Iterator functions

- Calculated Tables

CALCULATE is one of the primary places where Table functions are used

KNOWLEDGE CHECK Module

Power BI

- What are the different kinds of evaluation contexts?
- When are filter or a row contexts present?
- Which functions are commonly used to *modify* existing evaluation contexts?

KNOWLEDGE CHECK ANSWERS Module

Power BI

- What are the different kinds of evaluation contexts?
  - *Filter context and row context*

- When are filter or a row contexts present?
  - *Row contexts are present in iterator functions and calculated column evaluations. Filter contexts are present in pivot tables and other visualizations.*

- Which functions are commonly used to *modify* existing evaluation contexts?
  - *CALCULATE, ALL, etc.*

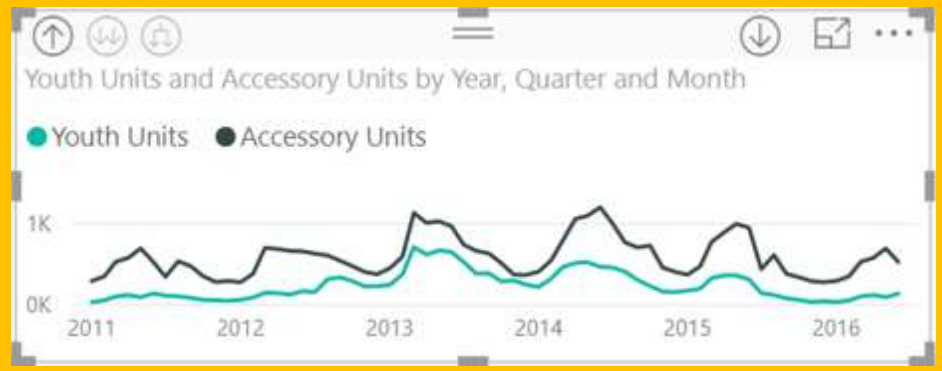
Module Lab

Create a report for the VP in charge of the Youth and Accessory Segments

1. Include a table visualization showing total units sold in the Youth Segment, Accessory Segment, and all other segments; by Campaign Device

Device	Total Units	Youth Units	Accessory Units	Rest of Company Units
Deskop	10806	222	653	9931
Desktop	218680	4933	12412	201335
Mobile	198014	4427	11420	182167
Paper	40524	908	2376	37240
Tablet	207344	5151	12308	189885
Total	**675368**	**15641**	**39169**	**620558**

2. Include a line chart showing total units sold in Youth and Accessory Segments by month



3. BONUS: Use the Unit Cost and Unit Price from the ProductDim table to calculate Sales Amount, Cost of Goods Sold, Profit and build some visuals around them

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Module
Advanced DAX
Time Intelligence Functions

MODULE OBJECTIVES

Power BI

- Be able to parse advanced DAX formulas (e.g., cumulative functions)
- Gain familiarity with standard DAX patterns
- Introduction to resources for further learning

Before we get to Time Intelligence - Let us apply all of the DAX techniques

```
[SalesYTD] =

CALCULATE (
    [Total Sales],
    FILTER (
        ALL ( DateDim),
        DateDim[Year] = MAX ( DateDim[Year] )
            && DateDim[Date] <= MAX(DateDim[Date])
    )
)
```

Date	Year	Total Sales	SalesYTD
January 1, 2011	2011	$551	$551
January 2, 2011	2011	$7,366	$7,917
January 3, 2011	2011	$1,873	$9,790
January 4, 2011	2011	$10,113	$19,902
January 5, 2011	2011	$9,660	$29,562
January 6, 2011	2011	$14,450	$44,012
January 7, 2011	2011	$7,883	$51,895
January 8, 2011	2011	$11,793	$63,688
January 9, 2011	2011	$10,341	$74,029
January 10, 2011	2011	$1,374	$75,404
January 11, 2011	2011	$10,950	$86,353
January 12, 2011	2011	$20,217	$106,570
January 13, 2011	2011	$16,812	$123,382
January 14, 2011	2011	$15,215	$138,597
January 15, 2011	2011	$15,841	$154,438
January 16, 2011	2011	$14,391	$168,828
January 17, 2011	2011	$2,423	$171,252
January 18, 2011	2011	$15,712	$186,964
January 19, 2011	2011	$23,557	$210,521
January 20, 2011	2011	$20,912	$231,434

Let us take a super complicated DAX statement and break it down and understand what it means

Before we get to Time Intelligence - Let us apply all of the DAX techniques

```
[SalesYTD] =

CALCULATE (
    [Total Sales],
    FILTER (
        ALL ( DateDim),
        DateDim[Year] = MAX ( DateDim[Year] )
            && DateDim[Date] <= MAX( DateDim[Date] )
    )
)
```

- In a CALCULATE statement Filter arguments are evaluated first
- The Filter in this case comes from a FILTER function
- FILTER function is an iterator

Let us apply all of the data modeling techniques

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    )
)
```

- In a FILTER statement the input Table is evaluated first
- ALL statement means take all DateDim

Let us apply all of the data modeling techniques

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    [Total Sales],
    FILTER (
        ALL ( DateDim),
        DateDim[Year] = MAX ( DateDim[Year] )
            && DateDim[Date] <= MAX(DateDim[Date] )
    )
)
```

- Iterate through each row in DateDim
- Check for condition based on row context and filter context

Pro Tip: if you need to concatenate two conditions with an **AND** use **&&** for and **OR** use **||**

Let us apply all of data modeling techniques

```
[SalesYTD] =

CALCULATE (
    [Total Sales],
    FILTER (
        ALL ( DateDim),
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            && DateDim[Date] <= MAX(DateDim[Date] )
    )
)
```

- Now you have a FILTERED list of dates
- Use this to update the filter context (since it is in a CALCULATE statement)

Let us apply all of the data modeling techniques

```
[SalesYTD] =

CALCULATE (
    [Total Sales],
    FILTER (
        ALL ( DateDim),
        DateDim[Year] = MAX ( DateDim[Year] )
            && DateDim[Date] <= MAX(DateDim[Date] )
    )
)
```

- Use updated FILTER context to evaluate ‘Total Sales’

Advanced DAX – Time Intelligence

Power BI

Introducing Time Intelligence – There is a Function for that!!

```
[SalesYTD Easier] =

CALCULATE (
    [Total Sales],
    DATESYTD(DateDim[Date])
)
```

- This allows you to write the formula without being a DAX guru!
- Microsoft is continuously improving Time Intelligence functions to make it simple to use

Time Intelligence functions are your friends – They will save you time!

Advanced DAX – Time Intelligence

```
[SalesYTD Even Easier] =

TOTALYTD(
    [Total Sales]
)
```

- The somewhat big DAX expression can be reduced to a single DAX expression

Time Intelligence functions are your friends – They will save you time!

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Advanced DAX – Month over Month

Power BI

```
Total Sales Last Month =

CALCULATE([Total Sales],

    PREVIOUSMONTH(DateDim[Date]))


MoM =

DIVIDE([Total Sales] - [Total Sales Last Month],

   [Total Sales Last Month])
```

- DAX has several shortcut Time Intelligence functions

Advanced DAX – Monthly Active Users

Power BI

```
Monthly Active Users2 =
CALCULATE (
    DISTINCTCOUNT ( Sales[CustomerId] );
    ALL ( 'DateDim' );
    DATESINPERIOD (
        'DateDim'[Date];
        LASTDATE ( 'DateDim'[Date] );
        -1;
        MONTH
    )
)
```

- DATESINPERIOD allows running totals

Advanced DAX – Time Intelligence

Power BI

Other Time Intelligence Functions

DATESINPERIOD

DATESYTD

DATESQTD

NEXTMONTH

NEXTYEAR

PREVIOUSYEAR

PREVIOUSMONTH

SAMEPERIODLASTYEAR

PARALLELPERIOD

Pro Tip: Learn about Time Intelligence functions - https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee634763.aspx

KNOWLEDGE CHECK Module

Power BI

- Can I parse advanced DAX formulas?
- What are some standard DAX patterns?
- Which time intelligence functions are built-in to DAX?

KNOWLEDGE CHECK ANSWERS Module

Power BI

- Can I parse advanced DAX formulas?
  - *Yes I can!*
- What are some standard DAX patterns?
  - *CALCULATE(…)*
- Which time intelligence functions are built-in to DAX?
  - *Lots of them…YTD, FY, previous month, etc*

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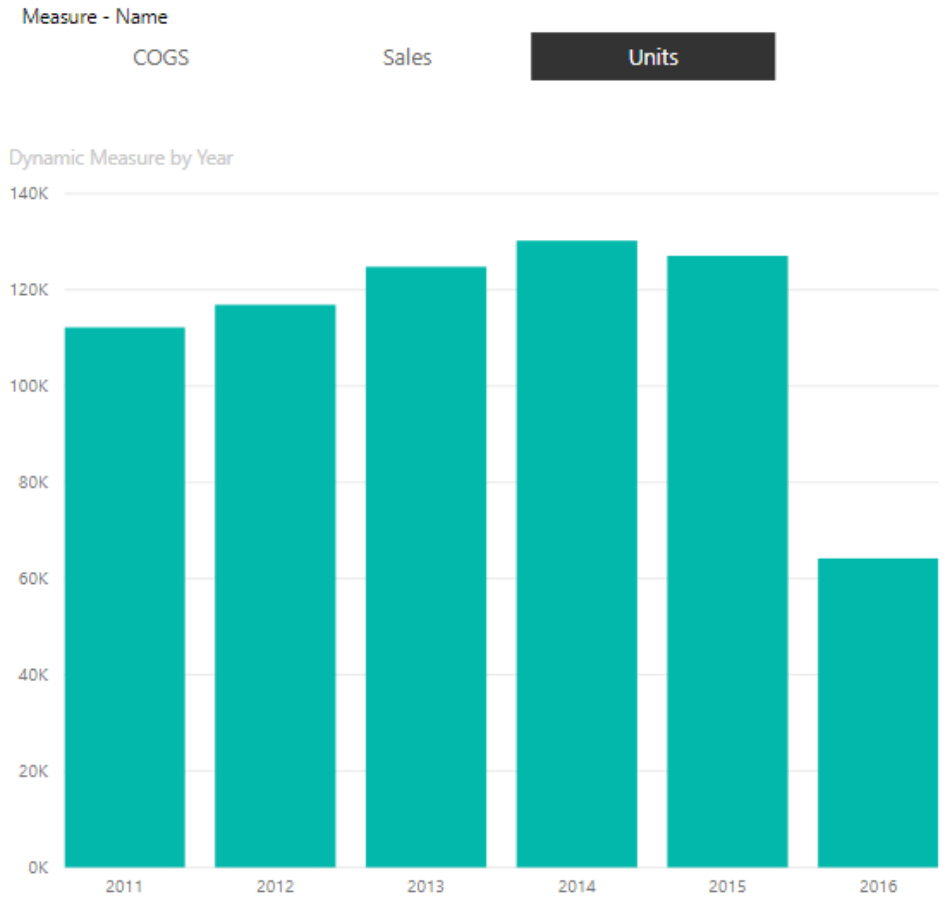
Measure Switching

Measure Switching – Challenge

- A user wants to be able to influence on the fly what measures are shown in visuals while keeping the state of visuals
  - It helps you save space being able to switch rather than having many similar tables on a report
  - It increases interactivity
  - Bookmarks: will reset the state on clicking



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Measure Switching – Implementation I/

- We will create a slicer to use the values from Units, COGS and Sales in a graph
    1. We need to create a table with those names, remember also to name the table and the column that has the values

```
Rep Measures =
DATATABLE (
    "MeasureKEY"; STRING;
    "Measure - Name"; STRING;
    {
        { "SA"; "Sales" };
        { "CO"; "COGS" };
        { "UN"; "Units" }
    }
)
```

Measure Switching – Implementation II/

2. Create a measure to link each values of the new table to the respective measures

```
Dynamic Measure =
VAR m =
    SELECTEDVALUE (
        'Rep Measures'[MeasureKEY];
        "SA"
    )
RETURN
    SWITCH (
        m;
        "SA"; [Total Sales];
        "UN"; [Total Units Sold];
        "CO"; [COGS]
    )
```

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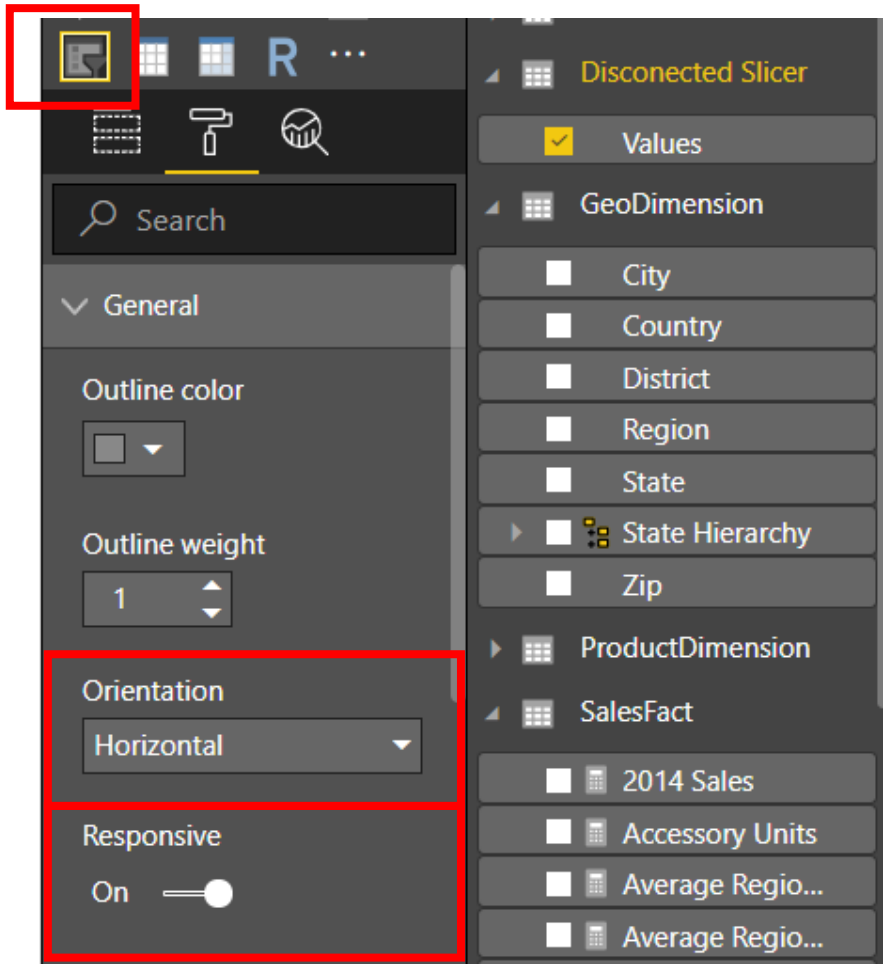
Measure Switching – Implementation III/



3. Create a Slicer with the column of our new table

Measure Switching – Result

Year	Dynamic Measure
2014	130.215,00
2015	127.067,00
2013	124.791,00
2012	116.895,00
2011	112.202,00
2016	64.198,00
Total	**675.368,00**

4. Then create one or more visuals to apply the measure that we created

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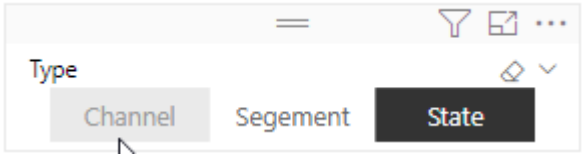
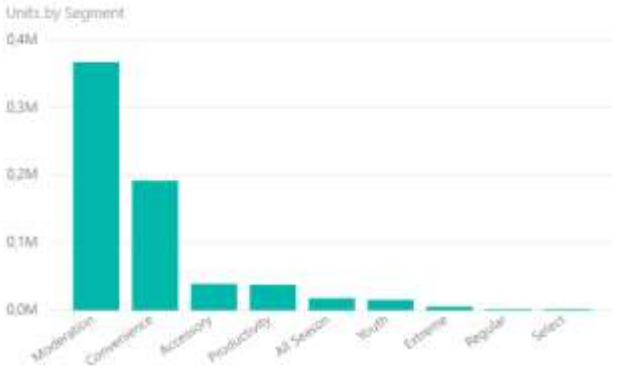
Dimension Switching – Challenge

A user wants to have the option to dynamically put different dimensions on the axis and switch between them with a slicer





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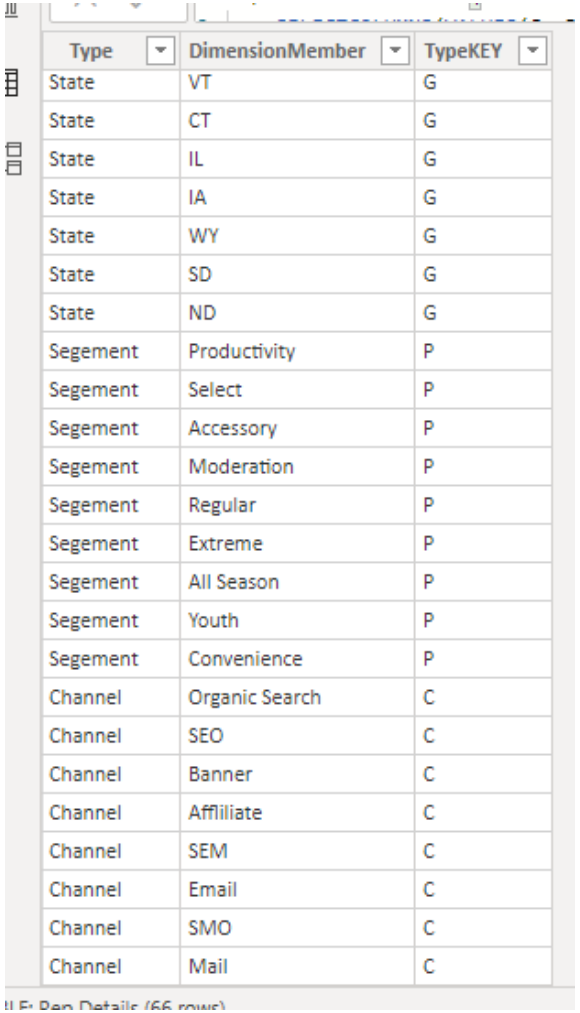
Dimension Switching

Dimension Switching – Implementation I/

1. Create a table that contains the dimensions members and dimension names (and a key)



Type	DimensionMember	TypeKEY
State	VT	G
State	CT	G
State	IL	G
State	IA	G
State	WY	G
State	SD	G
State	ND	G
Segement	Productivity	P
Segement	Select	P
Segement	Accessory	P
Segement	Moderation	P
Segement	Regular	P
Segement	Extreme	P
Segement	All Season	P
Segement	Youth	P
Segement	Convenience	P
Channel	Organic Search	C
Channel	SEO	C
Channel	Banner	C
Channel	Affiliate	C
Channel	SEM	C
Channel	Email	C
Channel	SMO	C
Channel	Mail	C

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Dimension Switching – Implementation II/

```
1 Rep Details = UNION (
2     SELECTCOLUMNS(VALUES(GeoDim[State]); "DimensionMember"; GeoDim[State]; "Type"; "State"; "TypeKEY"; "G");
3     SELECTCOLUMNS(VALUES(ProductDim[Segment]); "DimensionMember"; ProductDim[Segment]; "Type"; "Segement"; "TypeKEY"; "P");
4     SELECTCOLUMNS(VALUES(CampaignDim[TrafficChannel]); "DimensionMember"; CampaignDim[TrafficChannel]; "Type"; "Channel"; "TypeKEY"; "C")
5 )
```

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Dimension Switching – Implementation III/

2. Create a measure to link it to the table and use it in the visuals

```
Dynamic Dimension =
VAR d = SELECTEDVALUE ( 'Rep Details'[TypeKEY] )
RETURN
    SWITCH (
        d;
        "P"; CALCULATE (
            [Total Sales];
            TREATAS ( VALUES ( 'Rep Details'[DimensionMember] ); ProductDim[Segment] )
        );
        "C"; CALCULATE (
            [Total Sales];
            TREATAS ( VALUES ( 'Rep Details'[DimensionMember] ); CampaignDim[TrafficChannel])
        );
        "G"; CALCULATE (
            [Total Sales];
            TREATAS ( VALUES ( 'Rep Details'[DimensionMember] ); GeoDim[State] )
        )
    )
```

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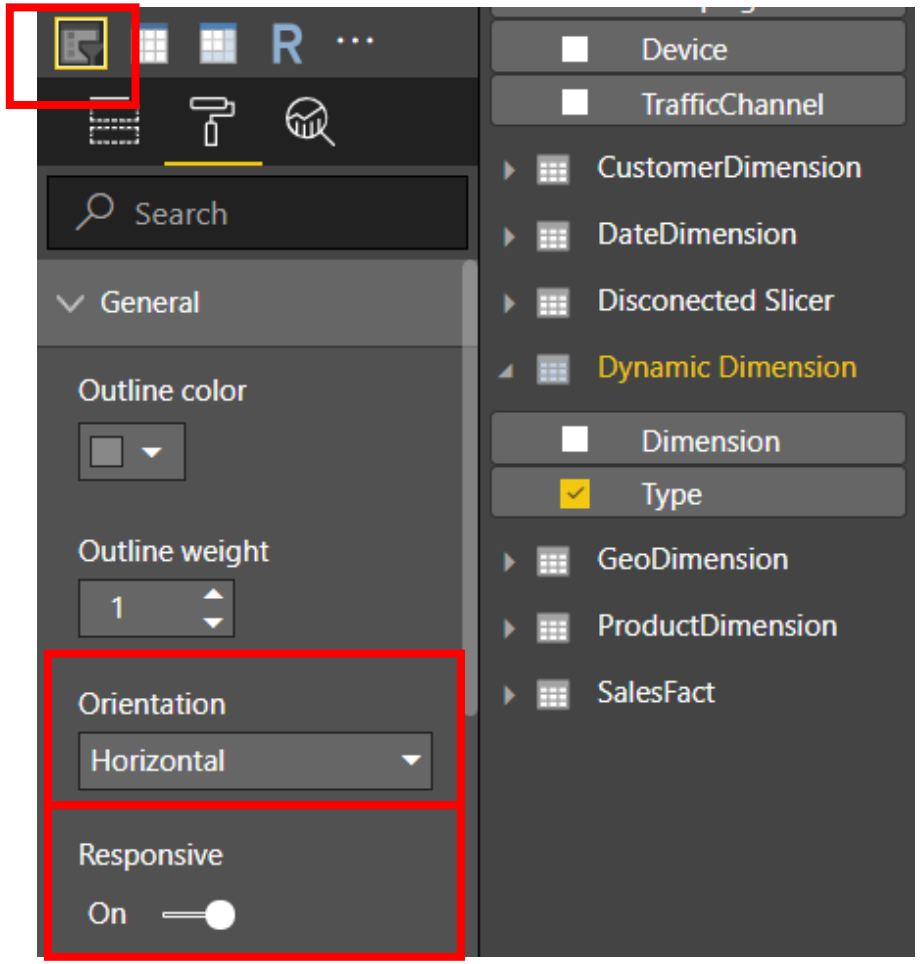
Dimension Switching – Implementation IV/



3. Create a Slicer with the column that has the type of dimension

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Dimension Switching – Result

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DAX Best Practices

MODULE OBJECTIVES

- Emphasize importance of writing efficient DAX measures

Use variables instead of repeating measures

- Consider the following DAX expression:

```
Ratio = IF([Total Rows] > 10, SUM(Revenue) /[Total Rows], 0)
```

- Faster DAX:

```
VAR totalRows = [Total Rows];
Ratio = IF(totalRows > 10, SUM(Revenue) / totalRows,0)
```

- In the first expression, since measures are calculated on the fly, the [Total Rows] expression gets calculated twice, first for the condition check and then for the true condition expression
- Instead of calculating the same expression multiple times, the resulting measure value can be stored in a variable and variable reference can be used wherever required

Use DIVIDE() instead of /

- DIVIDE() function has 3rd extra parameter which is returned in case of denominator being zero
- It internally performs check to validate if the denominator is 0
- There is no need to use IF condition along with '/' operator to check for invalid denominator
- DIVIDE() also checks for ISBLANK()
- **Note:** If it is certain that the denominator value would not be 0, then it is better to use '/' operator without any *IF* check since DIVIDE() function would always perform an *IF* check internally

Calculate ratios efficiently

Use (a-b)/b with variables instead of a/b – 1 or a/b*100 – 100

- We can achieve the same performance by using variables and using (a-b)/b to calculate ratio

- If both a and b are blank values, then (a-b)/b would return blank and would be filtered out where as a/b – 1 would return -1 and increase query space

Don’t change blanks to zeros or other values

- Sometimes people replace blanks with zeros or other strings
- Power BI automatically filters out all the rows with blank values from query results
- If the blanks are replaced, the query space is greatly increased

Use SELECTEDVALUE() instead of HASONEVALUE()

- A common pattern is to use HASONEVALUE() to check if there is only one value present for a column after applying slicers and filters and then use VALUES(ColumnName) DAX function to get the single value

- SELECTEDVALUE() performs both the above steps internally and gets the value if there is only one distinct value present for that column or returns blank in case there are multiple values available

Use SELECTEDVALUE() instead of VALUES()

- Instead of using that, SELECTEDVALUE() must be used which is a safer function and returns blank in case of multiple values being encountered

Use DISTINCT() and VALUES() functions consistently

- Power BI adds a Blank value to the column in case it finds referential integrity violation
- For direct query, Power BI by default adds blank value to the columns as it does not have a way to check for violations
- Difference :
  - DISTINCT(): Does not return blank which is added due to integrity violation. It includes blank only if it is part of original data
  - VALUES(): It includes blank which is added by Power BI due to referential integrity violation
- The usage of either of the function should be same throughout the whole report
- Power BI recommends to use VALUES() in the whole report if possible and blank value is not an issue

Avoid using IFERROR() and ISERROR()

- IFERROR() and ISERROR() are sometimes used in measures
- These functions force Power BI engine to perform step by step execution of each row to check for errors as there is currently no way which directly states which row returned the error
- FIND() and SEARCH() DAX functions provide an extra parameter which can be passed and is returned in case of the search string not present – avoids use of IFERROR/ISERROR
- Both of this functions are currently also used to check for divide by zero error or along with values to check if more than one values are returned.
- Can be avoided by using the correct DAX functions like DIVIDE() and SELECTEDVALUE() which performs the error check internally and returns the expected results

Use ISBLANK() instead of =BLANK() check

- Use inbuilt function ISBLANK() to check for any blank values instead of using comparison operator “= Blank()”

- ISBLANK() is faster

Use FILTER(ALL(ColumnName))

- To calculate measures ignoring all the filters applied on a column, use All(ColumnName) function along with the FILTER instead of Table or VALUES().

  E.g.: CALCULATE([Total Sales], FILTER(ALL(Products[Color]), Color = 'Red'))

- Directly applying filters using expressions and not using FILTER function behaves in the same way as mentioned above and it internally translates to use ALL function in the filter

  E.g.: CALCULATE([Total Sales], Products[Color]= 'Red')) ->
  CALCULATE([Total Sales], FILTER(ALL(Products[Color]), Products[Color]= 'Red'))

- It is always better to apply filters at desired column than the whole table

- Always use ALL along with FILTER function if there is no specific need to keep current context

  - https://pbidax.wordpress.com/2016/05/22/simple-filter-in-dax-measures/
  - https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/filter-arguments-in-calculate/

Do not use scalar variables in SUMMARIZE()

- SUMMARIZE() traditionally used to perform grouping of columns and get the resulting aggregations along with it
- It is recommended to use SUMMARIZECOLUMNS() function which is a newer more optimized version
- SUMMARIZE function should only be used to get just the grouped elements of a table without any measures/aggregations associated with it.

  E.g. SUMMARIZE(Table, Column1, Column2)

Avoid using ADDCOLUMNS() in measure expressions

- Measures are calculated in iterative manner by default
- If measure definitions use iterative functions like AddColumns, it create nested iteration which downgrades the performance

```
1 EVALUATE
2 ADDCOLUMNS ( DateDim, "addYear", YEAR ( 'DateDim'[Date] ) )
```

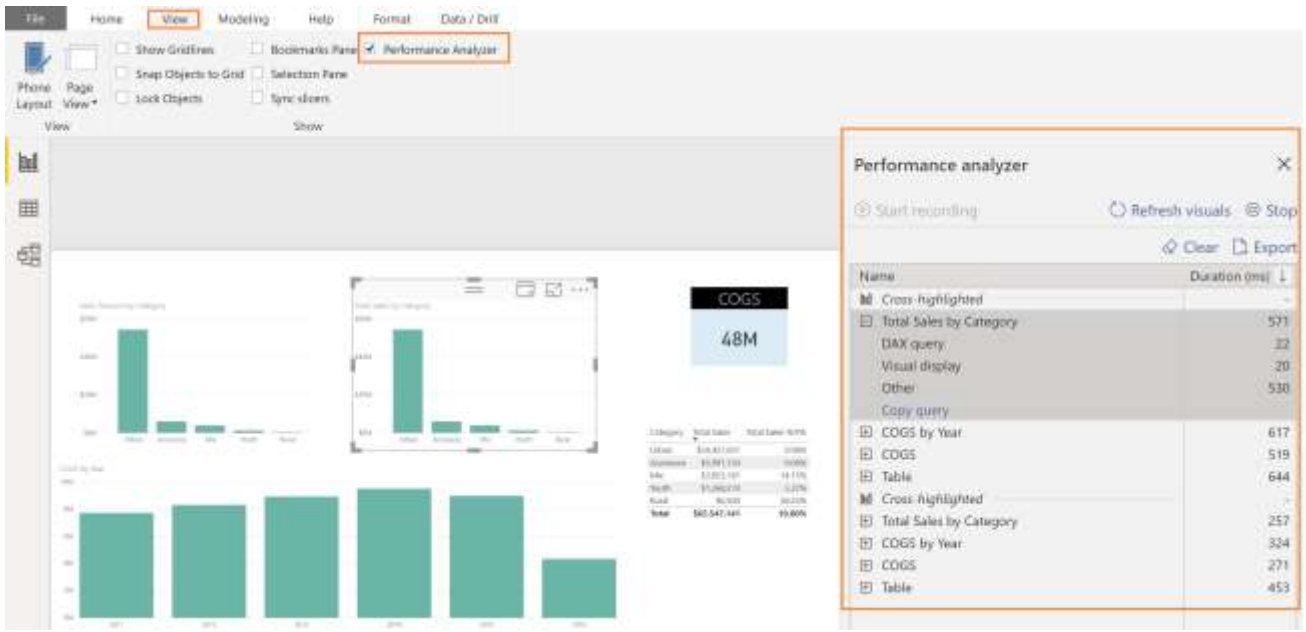
Avoid string manipulation in measures

- Slows down measures
- Work is done in calculation engine

Performance Analyzer

Using Performance Analyzer:

- You will know how each of your report elements, such as visuals and DAX formulas, are performing
- You can see and record logs that measure how each of your report elements performs when users interact with them, and which aspects of their performance are most (or least) resource intensive



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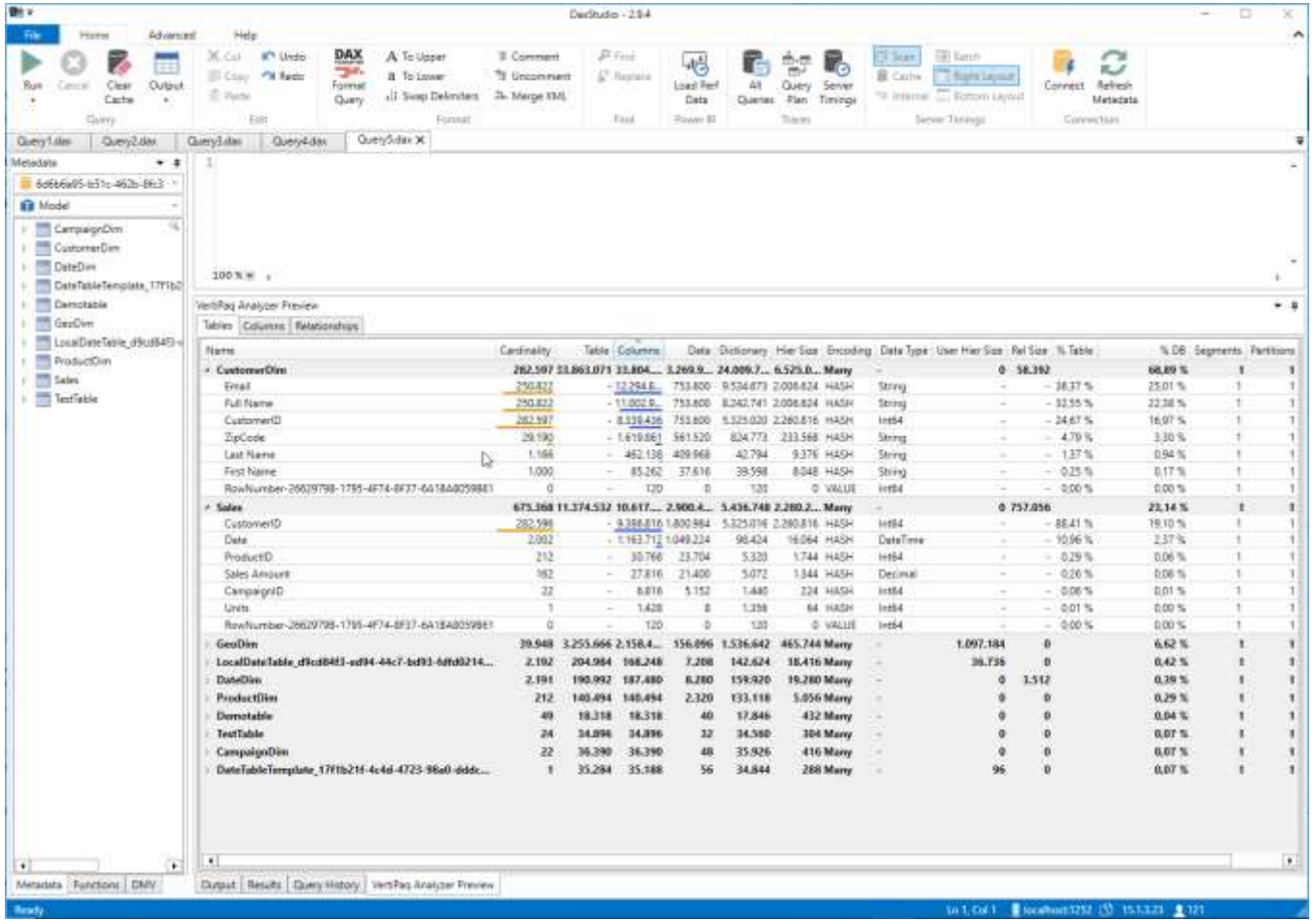
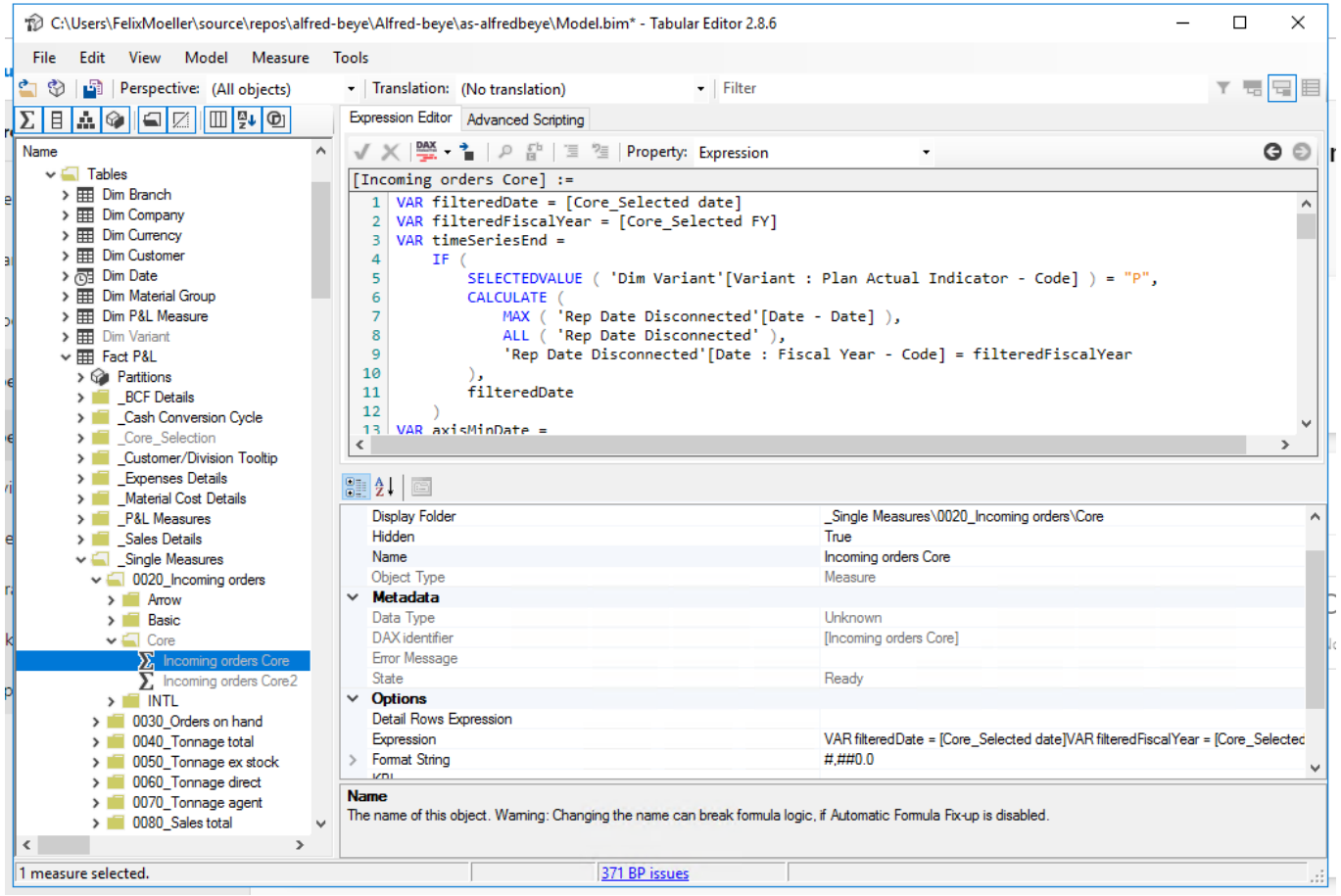
Dax Studio

- Format Queries
- Analyze Memory Usage
- Trace Queries
- Execute Queries
- https://github.com/DaxStudio/DaxStudio



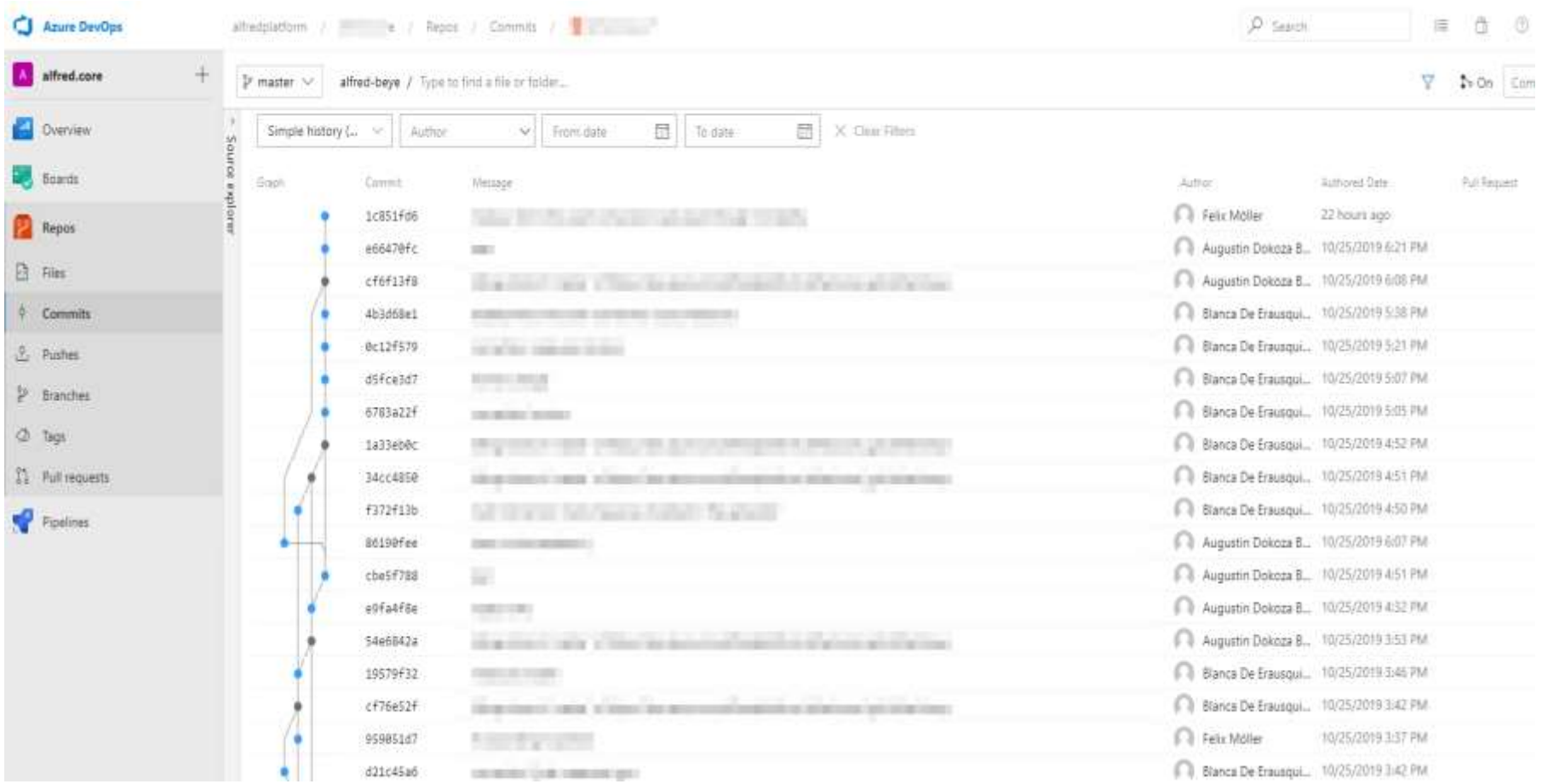
Tabular Editor

- Stable Editor for Analysis Services Models (same engine as Power BI)
- Automation of measure creation
- https://github.com/otykier/TabularEditor



Azure Repos

- Source control is important
- Power BI currently is very bad for source control
- https://dev.azure.com



Azure DevOps

- At Avanade we heavily use Azure DevOps to automate deployments
- See my talk at SQL Saturday two weeks ago
  https://www.sqlsaturday.com/880/Sessions/Details.aspx?sid=92840

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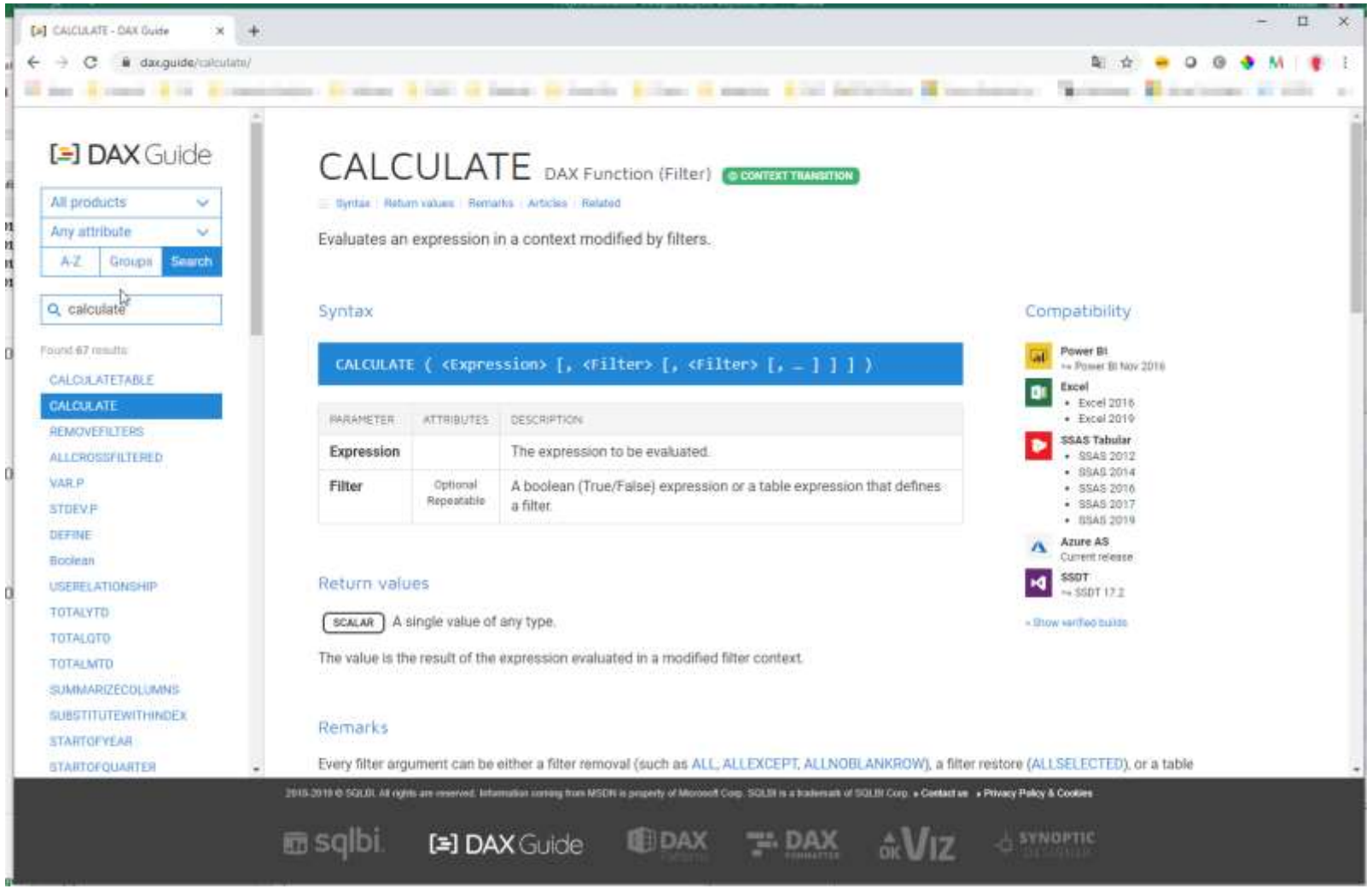
PowerShell Power BI cmdlets

- Allow to access Power BI workspaces to be accessed from PowerShell
- https://github.com/microsoft/powerbi-powershell

DAX Guide

- https://dax.guide/



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